THE WEATHER

Snow followed by clearing Saturday; Sunday fair and continued colder.

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MIGHTY STRUGGLE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT ALL OF EUROPE WITHOUT DEFINITE OUTCOME

Christmas Finds Russians and Germans Still Desperately Fighting in Snow-Clad Poland—French Making Small Thrusts Against Strong German Lines, and the British and Belgians Are Hard Engaged.

FRENCH AND GERMAN REPORTS VARY AS TO RESULT OF FIGHTING IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Italy May be Brought Into War With Turkey, as Result of Intervention at Avlona Yesterday, When She Landed Sailors From Warships to Restore Order and Protect Peaceful European Inhabitants There.

London, Dec. 25.—Christmas brought no rest to the European armies. It found the Russians still fighting desperately in the snows of Poland against the fierce attacks of the German and Austrian allies. Przemysl is still iin the grip of the invading army; the French are making spasmodic thrusts against the strong German lines of trenches in Northern and Northeastern France, and the British and Belgians engaged in almost hand to hand warfare against the German trenches in West Belgium.

"In Flanders yesterday things were generally quiet," says the German bulletin. The French reports speak of intermittent artillery firing there.

The French claim several victories along the center and eastern lines, while the Germans declare they have taken the second British trenches in Belgium. Both sides assert they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that the feeling process is under way all along the line.

So close are the trenches of the Allies and Germans at many points that almost the only weapons used are hand grenades, since it is impossible for the men to expose themselves even to use their rifles.

There have been informal truces between the French and Germans for burial between the trenches. According to a British eyewitness, for many weeks along miles of the battle line, the dead have lain as they fell. The gruesome account speaks of bodies held erect by the barbed wires and scouts crawling over them at night.

A violent revolution has broken out in Albania against Essad Pasha, whom Turkey established as ruler there when the Ottoman government broke into the European war. Essad Pasha's palace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned. Massacres are reported. The Italian government has landed sailors from warships at Avlona to restore order and protect Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent foe, Turkey, and holds possibilities of far-reaching results.

German aviators made another attempt to drop bombs on British ports today. Like the attempt against Dover, that of today, which was directed against Sheerness, was unsuccessful. An aeroplane crossed the Channel, according to the official report, and sailing high, flew over Sheerness. British aircraft went in pursuit, and one dispatch says engaged the enemy for a quarter of an hour before thousands of spectators. The invader finally disappeared in the mist, having been hit several times.

GERMAN PRESS STATEMENT.

Tells of Stubborn Fighting Along Eastern Front and in Belgium.

Berlin, Dec. 25, (Wireless to Sayville)—Items given out today by the official press bureau include:

"Despite stubborn fighting along the whole Eastern front Major Moraht, military correspondent of the Tageblatt, says he believes the Russian resistance is no new offensive, but is made up of rear post combats designed to cover the retirement of the main armies for re-organization back of the middle Vistula.

"An Austrian report indicates that the Carpathians are being cleared gradually of the enemy, who is stubbornly holding his own in Galicia, where Russia has no successes to report. On the lower course of the Nida river (Southern Russian Poland) however, 2,000 Russians have been captured.

"No important change is reported from the West.

"Constantinople claims that an English cruiser endeavored to enter the Gulf of Akabah, the eastern horn of the Red Sea, but was forced to withdraw.

"Copenhagen reports that Russia has ceded Sakhalin Island to Japan in exchange for heavy guns. Sakhalin lies off the east coast of Asia and is separated from the mainland by the Gulf of Tartary. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. By the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth, N. H., the southern half was ceded to Japan. Its area is estimated at 2,400 square miles.)

"The newspaper Stampa at Turin, Italy, reports a great defeat for the French in Morocco. The French lost 30 officers and 1,200 men killed.

"The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post reports that Russia has been forced to give up the attempt to take Cracow and must retire to the inner line of defense on the Cracow-Vistula front."

ITALIAN SAILORS LANDED.

At Avalona to Restore Order and Protect European Citizens.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 25.—A company of Italian sailors today occupied Avlona, a seaport of Albania, on the Adriatic sea.

Recent dispatches from Athens said anarchy reigned at Avlona and that the region around the Albanian seaport was a prey to civil war. Partisans of Kemal Bey last month forced the government to haul down the Turkish flag, and hoist the Albanian colors. Essad Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in Albania, then sent 500 soldiers to Avlona and they disarmed the inhabitants and restored the Turkish flag.

Italian naval forces occupied Avlona October 26th, but the expedition was in the nature of a relief and sanitary organization to aid the large population which had taken refuge in the city from the persecutions of the insurgents. Everything was done by the Italian government to remove from the expedition anything savoring of political or territorial occupation. Pains were taken to show that the steps taken by Italy were merely for the purpose of seeing that the decision of the London conference creating an autonomous of Albania was carried out.

ANOTHER GRAVE MATTER

Diplomats Consigned to Belgium Will Not Be Recognized by Germany

Washington, Dec. 25.—Germany has notified some of the neutral countries that have consuls in Belgian territory now under German military authority that the exequatures crediting the consuls to Belgium will not be recognized further, though provisional recognition will be granted to those whose countries so desire.

Representatives of South American Republics have informed Secretary Bryan of the receipt of such notice from Germany but State Department officials tonight said they knew of no communication on the subject being received here. It is believed in diplomatic circles that the notice is on its way to all powers whose consuls would be affected.

The attitude the American Republics will assume toward the action is expected to be considered by the Pan-American commission composed of Secretary Bryan and eight other members of the government board of the

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FRENCH STATEMENT CLAIMS ADVANTAGE

Allies in West Gradually Pushing Forward.

RUSSIANS ARE CHECKED

Official Report Issued at Paris Declares That Attacks of Russians Have Been Repulsed, But Reinforcements Near.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The following official statement was issued this afternoon:

"In Belgium there have been intermittent artillery battles.

"From the Lys to the Oise on the evening of December 23rd we gained the fork of the roads from Loos to Rutoire and from Loos to Vermelles.

"To the northeast of Albert we took possession of a portion of the village of LaBoisselle situated to the southwest of the church and of an advance trench to the south of that village.

"To the north from Roye to Lihu near Lihons we also have made some progress.

"These various attacks undertaken with great spirit have everywhere conserved the ground already gained.

"To the south of the Oise our artillery has demolished the defense works of the enemy in the region of Bailly and on the plateau of Gouvron.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Supigneul (near Berry Au Bac) notably a slight advance of our troops has been followed by a strong counter attack which has completely failed.

Progress Continues.

"In the region of Perthes and Mesnil Le Hurlus our progress of previous days has been followed up and strengthened.

"To the north of Mesnil we took possession of a forest strongly prepared by the enemy and to the east of trenches captured by us December 13th. To the northwest of Mesnil and to the east of Perthes we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trenches which he re-occupied and they are now masters of all his first line of defense.

"In the Argonne in the forest of LaGrurie at Bagatelle, Fontaine Madame and St. Hubert we have repulsed five attacks and strengthened our front. Between the Argonne and the Meuse in spite of the snow and the fog we have made progress on the Boureuilles-Vauquois front.

"In the region of Oulsy and the forest of Forges our heavy artillery by subduing the batteries and machine guns of the enemy has enabled our infantry to make a leap in advance.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, the Germans have bombarded the south corner of the forest of Convenne where we are established. In the forest of Ailley and Apremont our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

"In the lower Vosges we have advanced to within 1,500 meters of Cirey on the Vesouze river.

"In Russia, on the left bank of the Vistula the Germans have been hurled back from one of the positions which they occupied on the right bank of the lower Bzura, and they have been reinforced at another point. They are continuing their attacks of Sochaczew and are trying to debouch from Bolomow. To the east of Skiernlewice their attack was repulsed with heavy losses to them. They have launched several fruitless attacks to the west of the river. Rawka and Cracow are vigorously resisting the Russian offensive on the north bank of the Pilica.

"In East Prussia and on the front in the Carpathians no essential changes have been noted."

FIRST CHRISTMAS FOR WILSON IN WHITE HOUSE

Last Year Spent in Mississippi by Executive.

Most of the Time of the President Given to His Niece, a Guest at the White House— Will Rest Balance of Week

Washington, Dec. 25—President Wilson spent Christmas day quitely at home with his family. He did not leave the White House, much of his attention being given to his grandniece, Anne Cothran, for whom a Christmas tree had been arranged. Many officials called to leave presents and holiday greetings.

The White House Christmas dinner was served at 7 o'clock tonight. Many dishes were presents from admirers from all parts of the country. All of the President's near relatives were present, for it was the first Christmas dinner the Wilson family had eaten in the White House. Last year they were at Pass Christmas Miss.

The President will rest during the remainder of the week. He will celebrate his 58th birthday next Monday.

Secretary McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo, the President's youngest daughter, will leave soon for Sandiego, Cal., where the Secretary will represent the President at the opening of the exposition there.

Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the President's daughter, expects to remain at the White House for at least a month.

ENGLAND WILL LONG REMEMBER THE DAY

Christmas, 1914, Sees Millions of Men in Arms.

A MILITARY CHRISTMAS

Those in Uniform Everywhere Attract Great Attention—Thousands Are Home for Few Days of Holiday—Streets Full.

London, Dec. 25.—Christmas, 1914, will long be remembered in Great Britain as a military Christmas. Everywhere men in khaki and in blue were the object of attention and admiration. There was a great decrease in the customary railway crowds of civilians visiting their homes, but almost the usual number of trains were running. The cars were filled with soldiers and sailors on leave. Many thousands of volunteers from the training camps and a considerable contingent from the continent and the fleet had two or three days for a holiday.

London particularly seemed to swarm with uniforms. Conspicuous among them were several thousand Canadians from Salisbury Plains. Christmas in London is Sabbath-like because the theatres are closed and hotels and public houses keep Sunday hours. The few hours of daylight, however, were almost bright, a rare phenomenon in an English winter, and the soldiers and sailors appeared to find amusement in tramping the streets and parks.

Family parties taking an afternoon stroll generally had a youth in khaki or blue as the central figure, escorted by admiring relatives.

Thousands of Presents.

All ranks of the troops at the front and in home camps were loaded down with presents. Princess Mary's fund for Christmas gifts amounted to nearly $800,000, while there were numerous funds for tobacco, puddings and other luxuries raised by newspapers and societies.

Even the German prisoners and civilians in the concentration camps had Christmas trees and gifts from home and wealthy Germans in England. The German Young Men's Christian Association and the English Quakers devoted special care to the prisoners.

Hundreds of Belgian wounded in the hospitals and Belgian refugees were the recipients of many attentions.

Tomorrow, known in England as

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CHARITY AND GOOD CHEER IN NEW YORK

Entire City Made Merry in the Celebration of Christmas.

THOUSANDS WERE FED

True Christmas Spirit Demonstrated in Metropolis and Much Good Done—Christmas Celebrations in Other Centers

New York, Dec. 25—Charity and good cheer walked abroad in New York today and in many ways made the holiday one of the most memorable in the city's annals. For the one day, at least, the pinch of poverty was relaxed and virtually the entire city made merry.

Thousands were fed by charitable organizations, the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America alone, according to estimates, providing 75,000 dinners. Missions and other institutions gave Christmas meals to many other thousands. Private charity was unusually in evidence.

Municipal Christmas tree celebrations, begun yesterday, were continued today; poor children were gathered in numerous centers and made happy with gifts and feasting. Home upon home was blessed with needed supplies for the holiday's table and presents for the little ones of the family. Hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged and infirm, correctional and other institutions provided holiday dinners and presents for their inmates.

Churches held services for all and entertainments for the juveniles of their parishes.

At Sing Sing the prisoners witnessed a play by a New York company and feasted at dinner time. Thomas Mott Osborne, the warden, was presented with resolutions thanking him for adopting suggestions of the golden rule brotherhood, a prison organization for changes in prison rules.

NAVAL BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS OFF VALPARAISO

Valparaiso, Dec. 25—A wireless message from the Chilean torpedo gunboat Tome reports the British cruiser New Castle cannonading 15 miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed she has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

A British squadron and Japanese warships are known to be cruising not far from this port.

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE SUCCESSFUL

According to Reports Sent to Petrograd From Front.

LINE IS LITTLE CHANGED

Numerous Prisoners Captured by Russians and Guns Taken—Very Little Fighting Reported in the Southern Arena

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 25—Russian successes are reported officially from the battle fronts before Warsaw and from around Cracow, but without materially changing the general situation. Vicious attacks have been made by the enemy between Pincow, forty miles northeast of Cracow, and Nowemiasto Korczyn, at the junction of the Nida and Vistula rivers.

In this place the Austrians tried to force a passage by sheer weight. Time after time they advanced in solid formation in the face of a heavy artillery fire. The net result after two days fighting, December 22nd and 23rd, was the capture by the Russians of nearly 5,000 prisoners and the retention by the Russians of the left bank of the Nida.

The combatants here are old enemies Three months ago the same Austrian troops opposed the first Russian advance on Cracow.

Battles on North

To the north the Russians are inflicting severe punishment on the Germans. A series of energetic attacks at Bolimow, South of Sochaczow (30 miles from Warsaw) are reported to have been repulsed on the night of the 23rd by vigorous Russian counter attacks, while forty miles further south at Anovolonza, a successful German crossing of the Pilica river was turned into a German reverse by the Siberian troops, who forced the invaders back again.

Russo-Turkish operations have been halted by climatic conditions in Asia Minor. Here the Russian troops have spread out, quartering in the villages in an immense triangle whose sides converge for 70 miles with the base in the Russo-Turkish frontier and the apex pointing towards Erzerum.

Clad in every variety of garment to keep warm the Russians are huddling in every shelter, hut and farm house of the Armenians and packing cowsheds, stables and storehouses. The sound of battle is rarely heard by the main body troops who are wintering on the way to Erzerum. Virtually the only activity is on the part of the restless Cossacks, who are forever on the move, engaging in brushes with the opposing cavalry.

FEAR GERMAN ATTACK.

Mayor of English Town Issues Warning to Non-Combatants.

Harwich, via London, Dec. 25.—A possible German attack on Harwich is indicated by the following notice issued today by the mayor:

"Although an attack by the enemy on Harwich fortress is not expected at the present time, and there is no special reason for anxiety among non-combatants, it is considered desirable to notify the civilian population that in the unexpected event of belligerent operations the members of the local emergency committee and special constables will direct as to the course to be pursued. All members of the civil population are hereby requested to act strictly in accordance with such directions."

All visitors arriving at Harwich will be required to register.

BRYAN TO OWN SUMMER HOME IN N. CAROLINA

Secretary of State Buys Site at Asheville.

Purchases Ten Acres from E. W. Grove on Slope of Sunset Mountain Overlooking City—Consideration Not Given Out.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 25.—As the result of a deal which was consummated several days ago, but concerning which no announcement was made until today, Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan becomes the owner of a tract of ten acres of valuable lands overlooking the city of Asheville.

The tract adjoins the holdings of E. W. Grove and is situated on the slope of Sunset mountain, being an ideal spot for the erection of a summer home.

It was announced here today that Secretary Bryan purchased it with a view to building a home at some date within the near future, although it is stated that he has not yet decided when work on his building will be started.

Secretary Bryan has been a frequent visitor to Asheville, having spent a portion of each summer here for the past several years.

The property was purchased from Mr. Grove. The consideration was not given out.

STORM SWEEPING SOUTHERN STATES

Snow and Rain Follow in the Wake of Blowing Weather.

TEMPERATURES LOWER

Storm Centered Over Louisiana Thursday Night Was Over South Carolina Last Night—Heavy Snow on Virginia Coast.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Snow and rain marked the path of a storm that tonight was sweeping northeastward through the South. The storm center last night over Louisiana, tonight was over South Carolina. Heavy rains were reported in the South Atlantic and Gulf states, turning to snow in parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Drops in temperatures were reported generally in the South, with much colder weather promised for Saturday and Sunday.

Weather bureau forecasters predicted clear skies by tomorrow in most of the Southern states.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Boston and cold wave warnings have been issued for all the southeastern states except Southern Florida.

Snow was reported in New England, New York and the Missouri valley.

SHIPPING IS HALTED.

Heaviest Snow in Years Experienced by Virginia Coast Cities.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—One of the severest snow storms Virginia coast cities have seen in recent years halting shipped in Hampton Roads today. The storm began early today and many vessels tonight lay at their docks waiting more favorable weather for departure.

CARGO OF COTTON LEAVES FOR BREMEN FROM GALVESTON

First Direct Shipment to Germany—Cargo in American Bottoms

Galveston, Texas, Dec 25—The first cotton cargo to Germany from Galveston since war began departed today for Bremen on the American steamship Pathfinder. The cargo is 6,550 bales, valued at $455,000.

The hatches were sealed in the presence of the French consul and a representative of Lloyd. Both certified the vessel contained only American cotton and was entitled to unobstructed passage.

Freight rates on the shipment were the highest ever paid out of Galveston being three dollars a 100 pounds. At this time last year, the current rate was 32 to 35 cents a hundred.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—The body of the youth who committed suicide here yesterday, was identified today as that of Richard Parody, Jr., 19 years old, of Philadelphia. He had sent his photograph to a newspaper and written that he was a Spanish multi-millionaire and a bull fighter. The boy had been acting queerly recently, according to his father.

IMPERIAL DIET OF JAPAN DISSOLVED

Army Expansion Measure Rejected by Representatives.

WAS DRAMATIC SESSION

House of Peers Turns Down Measure Backed by Government—Emperor Uses Royal Prerogative as Result.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—The Emperor today dissolved the Imperial Diet because it rejected the measure for an increase in the army. This upheld the ministry's programme for military strength and brought cheers from the government side in the house.

The Premier, Count Okuma, scored the opposition for "impeding the national welfare." Failing to find a flaw in the policy of Foreign Minister Kato regarding China, he said they centered their attack on the army. He denied the proposals meant the expansion of the army and militarism.

The army measure was rejected by a majority of 65, but the house provided the naval increase by a majority of 7.

A rescript suspends the house of peers pending the election which probably will be held in March.

Considerable opposition developed in the house of representatives to the budget for 1915, which showed an estimated expenditure of 556,000,000 yet ($278,000,000) and a decrease of the revenue of $40,500,000. Recent dispatches from Tokio have stated that there was good reason to believe that unless the house adopted the budget it would be dissolved by the Emperor.

The merchants' association and Baron Shibusawa, president of the Japanese association, and Buel Nakao, president of the Tokio chamber of commerce, took steps a few days ago to urge the diet and cabinet to reach a compromise in the hope of preventing dissolution of the house or the collapse of the ministry. They urged that a crisis in time of war would create an unfavorable impression abroad. The opposition leaders declared that proposals for increases in the army would be rejected.

Dramatic Session.

The closing session of the house was extremely dramatic. Debate occupied the entire day and extended on into the night. There was no sign of a compromise when, shortly before 10 o'clock, it was announced that Emperor Yoshihito had exercised his royal prerogative, dissolving the diet.

The diet was convened on December 5th. Baron Kato, the foreign minister, in an address appealed to members to lay aside political strife in view of the international situation. It was the emperor's wish, he said, that there should be no political wrangling.

There were indications, however, that the opposition could not be placated if the government insisted upon its programme, and it was evident the struggle would center around the question of increasing the army. The proposal to increase the army in Korea caused the collapse of the last Saionji ministry.

EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EDUCATION IN SOUTH

General Education Board Has Spent Large Sums Throughout Section, and is Co-Operating With Government in Good Work—Lack of Money Has Been Drawback to the Rural People of Our Southland.

New York, Dec. 25.—Efforts to promote education in the South are summarized in the sixth installment tonight of the report of the General Education Board founded by John D. Rockefeller. It soon became clear, according to the report that adequate development could not take place until the people's resources were enlarged.

"These conditions were not primarily due to lack of interest in popular education," the report continued. "They were mainly the result of rural poverty. While the average annual earnings of individuals engaged in agriculture in Iowa were upward of $1,000, the average earnings of those similarly engaged in some Southern states was as low as $750. The great bulk of the people of the Southern states were simply not earning enough to provide proper homes and to support good schools."

The Southern farmer suffered primarily from lack of money, the report says. He also lacked scientific knowledge of farming and the board therefore proceeded on the theory that if he could be helped in this direction he would gladly support better schools. The board says that this programme could not be carried out by the Federal government, because while it was taking measures to combat boll weevil it could not appropriate money for strictly educational purposes. The board decided to work in conjunction with the government.

Rapid Expansion Made.

"The co-operation of the General Education Board," the report continued, "brought about an immediate and rapid expansion of the demonstration movement in every direction dealing with a rapidly increasing number of activities, and touched more people. In 1906, 545 farms were reached, a year later 2,834; in 1908, something more than 14,000; in 1910, 63,622; in 1912, 106,621. Twenty-five thousand adults were at the last named date receiving instructions in Texas, more than 15,000 in Oklahoma, more than 15,000 in Arkansas; 10,500 in Alabama; 6,190 in Mississippi.

"The initial appropriation of the board in 1905 was $7,000. At that time the government was devoting $40,000 to demonstrations against the boll weevil. The board appropriated $30,000 the next year; $76,000 two years later; $130,000 in 1911, and $252,000 in 1913.

"These sums were unevenly distributed, in 1908-09, $4,000 was spent in Florida, and $15,000 in Virginia; the next year $19,000 in Virginia and $30,000 in Georgia; in 1911-12, $23,000 in South Carolina and $26,000 in North Carolina."

Summarizing the total cost of the Southern work up to date the report says the government appropriated $1,922,300 and the General Education Board $925,750, while $1,069,405 was obtained from other sources.

"The board says its policy has been vindicated by the fact that the Southern people themselves in less than a decade were paying almost 50 per cent of the total annual expenditure approaching $1,200,000.

"Fortunately," the report concludes, "the value of demonstration has been so clear that the Federal government will now take over and extend purely educational farms demonstrations; success has dissipated the constitutional scruple that for the past ten years has restricted governmental activities in this direction to plague infested states."

HOPE OF RELIGION, TRAGEDY OF WAR

Vivid Descriptions of Conditions on Battle Front.

BY A. P. CORRESPONDENT

Famous Old Church Used for Christmas Celebration, Religious Worship, Military Camp, Work Shop at Same Time

Furnes, West Flanders, Dec. 24—via London—A singularly impressive scene, combining the hope of religion and the tragedy of war, met the eyes of the correspondent of the Associated Press who entered the historic church of St. Nicholas here at dawn today.

A thousand Belgian soldier-sycleers were bivoced in the large enclosure. In the dimly lighted space a pathetic family group was gathered about the coffin of a small child, over whom a priest intoned the funeral mass. Rows of mud-covered soldiers from the trenches knelt before the altar, where a special mass for them was being celebrated. Hundreds of others slept, huddled for warmth in the thin layer of straw on the cold flagging. Above the voices of the priests and the murmurings of the sleepers, the great organ pealed out Christmas carols.

Down the center of the church a long row of bicycles were stacked. Some of the soldiers busied themselves in repairing their battered machines. A few had procured their morning rations and they ate their breakfasts of black bread oblivious of their surroundings.

The great tapers at the alters provided the only light beyond the grey streaks of dawn which filtered through the oaken doors. The ancient gargoyles on the oken beams were lost in obscurity. One altar was decirated for Christmas with its images of the stable of Bethlehem arranged about it. Here the younger soldiers gathered in reverent groups, while a priest chant ed a Christmas mass of "Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men".

Priests came and went, townspeople hurried to early mass and then away to their work. Now and then an officer aroused a few of the sleeping soldiers and they slipped quietly away.

As the rising sun drove the deep shadows from the church the roar of German guns, beginning an attack on Nieuport, awoke the remaining sleepers and the great church became an animat ed scene of military activity. In the midst of it religious services went on as before.

MIGHTY STRUGGLE STILL CONTINUES

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Pan-American Union recently named to study questions relating to maintenance of neutrality in this hemisphere. Diplomats say the subject is one of exceeding delicacy and one on which the American countries probably would desire to act in unity.

It became known tonight that all members of the Pan-American committee already have been apprised of the German notification. A special committee of three members, it was said, might be selected to give preliminary study to the matter and report to the full commission.

In the meantime constant cable communication between the ambassadors and ministers here and their governments will be maintained and the former will be guided largely by the opinions and desires of their governments.

AUSTRIA ISSUES DENIAL.

That Negotiations for Peace Have Been Informally Begun.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Austrian ambassador, Dr. Dumba, issued a statement tonight denying reports that Austria has made peace overtures to the Allies. The statement said:

"The Paris press spread from time to time news of Austria-Hungary, or Hungary alone, being tired of the war and longing for peace. The latest report alleges that Austria has made unofficial peace overtures to the Allies through Vienna bankers upon the basis of cession of Galicia to Russia and Hornia to Servia.

"The Austro-Hungarian ambassador wishes to contradict these rumors as absolutely unfounded and misleading to public opinion in the United States. Without speaking of the article of the treaty of the Dual Alliance of 1879, according to which Germany and Austria-Hungary engage themselves to support each other with their whole armies against Russia and to conclude peace only conjointly, every consideration of honor and self-interest prevents Austria-Hungary from breaking from her ally and entering into negotiations for a separate peace.

"The cession of Galicia and Bosnia could only be agreed upon after a crushing defeat of the dual monarchy, an eventuality which happily does dot correspond to the actual situation on the battlefields. It is not improbable that with the authors of these rumors the wish is father to the thought."

The Russian ambassador, Mr. Bakhmetieff, tonight emphatically denied published reports that overtures for peace between Russia and Germany were under way. He said the reports were absurd and without foundation in fact.

"KID" WILLIAMS BADLY BEATS JOHNNY DALY.

New York, Dec. 25.—"Kid" Williams, of Baltimore, world's bantam weight champion, administered a severe beating to Johnny Daly, of New York in a ten round match here today. Sheer grit and his condition alone enabled Daly to escape a knock-out. Williams weighed 116 3-4 pounds, Daly was four pounds lighter.

In Brooklyn Battling Levinsky, of this city, outpointed Dan (Porky) Flynn, of Boston, in a ten round bout. Levinsky weighed 175 pounds and Flynn 193 pounds. Both men fought hard, delivering many strong body blows.

Rome, Dec. 8—Pope Benedict devoted the greater part of Christmas to developing his plan for the exchange of wounded prisoners. After religious service the Pontiff spent some time with relatives. We expressed great satisfaction over messages he has received especially from America lauding his efforts to lessen the cruelties of the war and to hasten peace.

GUTIERREZ NAMES HIS NEW CABINET

Composed of Members of Villa and Zapata Factions.

VERA CRUZ ATTACKED

Unknown Force of Villa Troops Attack Port and Force Carranza Forces Back Into the City—Censorship Strict.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Provisional President Gutierrez, of Mexico, has completed selection of his cabinet, with the exception of the portfolios of justice and interior, by appointing men from both Villa and Zapata factions. His representatives here today received a message giving the composition of the next cabinet as follows:

Foreign Relations—Jose Ortiz Rodriguez.
War—General Jose Isabel Robles.
Finance—F. F. Villareal.
Public Works—Valentin Gama.
Education—Jose Vasconcelos.
Communications—Jose Rodriguez Cabo.
Agriculture—Gen. Manuel Palafox.

Gama and Palafox are Zapata followers. The latter formerly was Zapata's secretary. The other members are followers of Villa. Vasconcelos formerly was special representative of Carranza here, and visited England on a special mission.

The Gutierrez government, today's message said, is doing away with the military tribunals and is administering justi e through civil tribunals.

BATTLE AT VERA CRUZ.

Villa Forces Make Attack in Unknown Numbers.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 25.—Fighting has occurred between adherents of General Carranza and those of General Villa in the outskirts of Vera Cruz. The Villa forces, in unknown numbers are advancing, while the Carranza forces have been obliged to fall back.

A strict censorship has been enforced.

FIGHTING CONTINUES.

Factions at Naco Have Not Retired from the Border.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 25.—Rifles cracked intermittently almost all Christmas day in the Mexican trenches around Naco, Sonora. Bullets fell on American soil, but no one was reported hit. Hope was expressed here today that the plan of Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, for keeping the Mexicans fighting at a safe distance may find approval at Washington and may be adhered to by the belligerents. General Scott expects to hold further conferences with Gen. Hill and Governor Maytorena, the rival Mexican leaders after he received a reply from Washington.

Children here today were deprived of the Christmas trees and greenery as the Mexican trenches stretch between this town and the San Jose mountains in Sonora, the source of supply of such decorations. The United States soldiers celebrated a cheerful holiday with feasting and games at the camps.

ENGLAND WILL LONG REMEMBER THE DAY

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boxing day, sees the beginning of pantomines at several large theatres. Some shows are giving free matinees for soldiers and sailors.

A special committee formed to watch conditions of distress in London has reported that there is less pauperism and unemployment in the city than on any Christmas in 30 years. This is due to the large enlistment.

The general atmosphere was, of course, one of sadness rather than one of hilarity. Economy was the watchword of the day. Christmas trees come from Germany and mistletoe from France, hence both were scarce. Christmas turkeys had slightly increased in price. King George and Queen Mary sent messages to the army and to the fleet and Christmas cards, bearing their portraits to every sailor and soldier.

Church Attendance Large.

Attendance at the churches was notably large. Dean Inge, at St. Pauls, spoke of the Anglo-American Peace Centenary. Referring to the Canadian-American boundary, he said:

"For a hundred years America and Canada have been at peace. A true peace—not watching and snarling at each other like two ill-bred dogs. This is something to thank God for on Christmas day. There are millions in Europe who look to America as a land of hope and I think they are justified in doing so. One cannot spend a week in America without feeling that hope and freedom give buoyancy to life there such as we rarely see at home."

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(Advertisement.)

WILL PROTEST ELECTION.

Numerous Violations Charged in Recent Election in Connecticut.

Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 25.—Congressman-elect E. J. Hill was notified that his opponent at the recent election, Congressman Jaremiah Donovan, had contested his election. The complaint alleged numerous violations of election laws by Hill's political opponent. It is charged also that the statement Hill filed at Washington is not complete and that many items in the expense account filed at Hardford are illegal.

Wheeler, in his dual capacity as agent for Hill and treasury, paid out $9,678 to aid the Hill campaign, the complaint says. This sum is declared to be in excess of the legal limitation. Private corporations in several states are charged with contribution to the fund and money is said to have been improperly used.

Hill had nothing today for publication.

Previous to the present session of Congress, Hill was a prominent Republican member of the ways and means committee for many years. He was defeated for re-election by Donovan, Democrat, two years ago. He won over Donovan last month by a substantial plurality.

HORRY COUNTY FARMER HOOTS AT COTTON CROP.

Former Steamboat Man Successful With Soil—Describes Plan.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 25.—In his efforts to ascertain what has been done in South Carolina recently in the matter of sensible farming, Commissioner Watson has come across some interesting matter, says The State. The following letter from W. S. McCaskill, of Conway, in reply to an inquiry from the State Department of Agriculture, will prove of great interest at this moment when the attention of all is turned to farming along new lines.

"In April, 1911," writes Mr. McCaskill, "I gave up steamboating and moved out of town in search of better health and located on a patched up parcel of former negro patches, 66 acres, composed chiefly of hedge rows, stumps, worn-out ditches and briar patches. My first day's work was to set out 36 peach trees. They gave us a surplus of $26 the second year and $58 this year, selling in mid-summer on local markets as high as 30 cents a dozen for Elbertas.

"My spray pump, which was perhaps the first one in the county, has assured my success, the argument of learned (?) neighbors to the contrary notwithstanding. This certainly beats cotton, so I have bought trees for an acre and will keep it up.

"Last year I raised a half breed Tamworth gelt and ventured to risk a small area in pasture. Bred her in May to a registered Duroc, have just gathered $60 out of that investment, with the two choice pigs left. This beats cotton for me, and I will enlarge on the hog proposition also.

"Have planted Irish potatoes two seasons on halves with a Baltimore commission house. They furnish the fertilizer, one ton per acre, and half the barrels. When the stand is good we get about 100 bushels per acre, which has paid well for the labor, which is mostly in planting and in harvesting.

"We plant potatoes 2 1-2 feet between rows. Corn is planted in the five-foot alleys in April. After potatoes are dug we plant what was the 2 1-2 foot alley in peanuts, and 'lay by' with cowpeas broadcasted, making four crops planted and harvested in eight months, all with one application of fertilizer. The corn averages 50 bushels per acre, peanuts and peas a very fair crop—which the hogs gathered and gave pork in exchange. This beats King Cotton so far that I have rebelled against that monarch.

"A lack of agricultural education means hard times for too many thousands of us. Scientific methods are the exception and not the rule in this county, but under such methods tobacco nets around $250 per acre, strawberries $500, etc. The clovers grow to perfection here. Velvet beans, soy beans and most of the pasture grasses do well and still very few of us would recognize one of those plants if we met it in the road. We are not from Missouri, but we need to be shown."

BODY OF FRENCH TROOPS LOST, ROAM THE WOODS.

Challenge Germans to "Come and Take Us," in Reply to Threat.

Paris, Dec. 25.—So far as known, a party of 150 French soldiers who failed to hear the order to retreat during the fighting in the forests of the Belgian Luxembourg as far back as August 23rd, are still roaming about from one hiding place to another in the woods, resisting the enemy. This surpasses the record of the 12th company of the 140th French infantry which recently passed 58 days within the enemy's lines.

The present party has now been cut off from the French lines for nearly four months. It is a motley force made up of stragglers who, instead of surrendering when they found the return to their lines blocked by the Germans, escaped to the woods and lived off the country as best they could, picking up ammunition from the battlefields at night. Aided in this by women and children, it is said they got together 17,000 cartridges which they deposited in various caverns for safety. For shelter they built huts and dug trenches, from which they frequently emerged to harass the Germans.

The latter finally decided to beat the entire forest country of about 2,500 acres. Columns of 1,000 men took part in the hunt, but were unable to discover the hiding place of the stragglers. Despairing of succeeding by any other means, they resorted to persuasion and posted the following notice in the villages in the south of Namur and Luxembourg:

"French Soldiers:—We know where you are and the strength of your force. In your interest it will be better that you surrender and we promise in that case that you shall be accorded the honors of war. You must know, however, that you expose the population of the country to reprisals; we have forbidden all farmers, all millers and all peasants to furnish you with provisions and in case of infraction they shall be shot."

The following morning another notice was posted in Beaurain, signed by the officer commanding the French detachment:

"Since you know so well where we are, come and take us."

The Germans have not yet reported taking them, however, and they are supposed to be still rambling from forest to forest between Givet and Bastogne.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Sumner, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
E. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

RECORD RUSH FOR U. S. CITIZENSHIP

More Than 4,000 Aliens Apply in a Month in New York.

GOSSIP FORM GOTHAM

Westerner Who Wrote Mayor Asking for a Wife Changes His Mind—No "Respectable Gambler," Says Richard Canfield.

New York, December 25.—All records have been broken during the past thirty days at the Naturalization Bureau of the New York County Clerk's office when 4,143 men applied for papers admitting them to citizenship. This is the largest number of applicants ever recorded in any one month in this county. The rush for citizenship is attributed to the steps taken to enforce the law providing that only citizens of the United States shall be employed on public work, thus barring aliens from employment on the new subway construction.

Hundreds of Italian laborers and the more advanced workers, such as Finns, who are mainly timbermen, took out first papers because they thought they could resume work. It takes five years to make a citizen, and in the State of New York the first papers mean only that the possessor of them intends to become a citizen as soon as he is eligible. Before this large number can reasonably hope to acquire the right to vote and to obtain employment on public works under the present law, trains will be running in the new subway and they will probably find themselves performing some other kind of work widely separated from any kind of political control. The nationalities of the applicants were as follows: Russia, 1,084; Italy, 1,849; Austria, 487; Germany, 120; Belgium, 6; Great Britain and Ireland, 350; Rumania, 65; France, 12; Turkey, 27; Sweden, 44; Switzerland, 12; Norway, 20; Denmark, 11; Egypt, 2; Greece, 32; Spain, 4; Luxemburg, Persia, Servia, Portugal, Haiti, Argentine Republic and Mexico, 1 each. If all the aliens in New York could vote, they would outnumber the native born voters by at least 250,000, as a result of which the politicians are always greatly interested in the increase of naturalized citizens. They usually begin by supporting one of the small parties or factions, but later they usually ally themselves with one of the two big political parties, and thereafter never change.

All sorts of schemes have been devised to detect underfeeding in the school children of New York. The latest and perhaps the most practical of them has just been put in operation in the "Little Vienna" section of the city, where the pupils are being weighed on the city's scales. It has been explained by teachers that the mere asking of a child if he or she is hungry is not satisfactory, as most healthy children are firmly convinced that they do not get enough to eat. "Did you have any breakfast?" he will shake his head, because a breakfast chanced not to be the name of the morning meal at his home, where "coffee" or some foreign word is used to designate the early meal. Under the new system of weighing each child, it is hoped that the problem of learning if the children attending school are being properly fed will be solved. If weekly weighings show a child to be gaining weight it will be evident that the child is not being starved or poorly fed; on the other hand, if the child does not gain or lose weight, it will be taken as an indication that something is wrong. By careful observation, it is hoped that the teachers will be able to find out if partial starvation is to blame. When the city's bureau of weights and measures first received the request to furnish scales to weigh school children they were somewhat astonished, but a little explanation enlisted its hearty support. The first weighing took place several days ago, the pupils mounted the scale platform at the rate of two a minute in classes of forty. They seemed to enjoy it, most of them showing as much curiosity as to their heft as the teacher herself.

The recent death of Richard Canfield, long known as New York's gambling king, has brought to light a number of his "sayings," among which the following is considered one of the best. Discussing his chosen profession as a gambler one day with a friend who said the impression had got out that a crooked roulette wheel had been found when one of the Canfield gambling houses had been raided, Mr. Canfield said: "It is absolutely silly to assert that I or any other respectable gambler would use crooked gambling implements. In the first place, there isn't any respectable gambler. There is nothing respectable about the business. In the second place, the percentage in favor of a gambling house is sufficient to guarantee the profit of that house. All any gambler wants is to have play enough for a long enough time, and he'll get all the money any player has. In business, if you or I can lend money enough at 5 per cent. we think we are doing pretty well in these days. Every time a roulette wheel is spun and bets put up the percentage on a thirty-six number weel is 5 5-19 per cent against the player. Therefore, you will see that I get an interest on my money of 5 5-19 per cent. every time a roulette wheel is spun. If I have any business at all, you can imagine what interest I get on my money in any one night. Besides, any gambling house employing a large force of men would have to take every man into its confidence to run dishonest games. For a crooked gambler to take his employees into his confidence is to invite blackmail. I have too much sense, to say nothing of honesty, to invite blackmail, or to share my profits with anybody."

The usual fate of Westerners who write to New York for wives has befallen a lone bachelor of Weatherford, Texas, who recently asked the Mayor to help him find a helpmate. His letter to the Mayor was published in one of the daily papers. The results were so unexpected that he has written another message to the Mayor, as follows:

"Mayor Mitchel:

"My dear sir—Would like very much if you would have that ad. taken out of your papers until after the Xmas Holidays, any way, as the letters has been coming so fast I cannot answer all of them to save my neck. Seems like all the young ladies up there wants to get married. What is the matter with the young men up there? Are they afraid of the girls? Do this for me again, please, and I will be greatly obliged to you. Wishing you and yours a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, I remain,

"Yours truly,

"G. E. EDDLEMAN.

"P. S.—Please fix up anything you care to and have put in the papers. Please. Please.

"I think the post office men have enough work to do with all these letters coming to me."

And to show there's no hard feeling between himself and Mayor Mitchel, he adds: "Again, thanking you for what you have done for me."

The latest novelty in the conducting of funerals in New York was introduced several days at the services held over the body of one of the old-time actors of this city. The services consisted of the reciting of the Lord's Prayer and afterwards the Twenty-third Psalm from phonograph records which were dictated by the deceased himself two years ago. In other words, he conducted his own funeral services. He had often told his family that when he died he did not want any of the usual services, but that he would arrange the ceremonies. Two years ago he made with the utmost care the records which he instructed his family were to be placed on the phonograph at his funeral. In his will he made a provision whereby the records are to be preserved and next used at the tenth anniversary of his death.

LONGACRE.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST.

A Confederate Mother and Baby Soldier Living.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Speaking of the age of Confederate veterans and who was the youngest living in Pitt county or who was the youngest who served in the war, led to some inquiry and resulted in finding that Pitt county has a veteran who will not be 67 years old until next month. He is Mr. Julius H. Barnhill, of this city. He entered the service at Rainbow Banks, Martin county, when little more than 15 years old, to take the place of a brother, who was wounded or sick at the time. He was visiting him at the camp at the time and substituted for him, and then served until the end of the war. Mr. Barnhill has been an invalid for some years, suffering a stroke of paralysis, from which he has not recovered. He has a family, wife and several children, and is a very intelligent and well informed man and is full of war stories.

This also brought up the fact that Aunt Clemmie Allen, who assisted in the unveiling of the Confederate monument here recently is one of the very few Confederate mothers now living. She is 96 years old and has many descendants in the county. She is very active for her age, in fact, appears many years younger than she is. Her son Frank, who died some years ago, was in Whitford's regiment. On the day of the unveiling here a picture of Aunt Clemmie with ex-Governor Jarvis, Governor Craig, Bryan Grimes, the third, and some one else, was taken standing at the monument. Aunt Clemmie has the appearance of the promise of reaching the century mark in good physical condition.

D. J. MILLER MAY RECOVER.

Good Prospects for Man Who Was Shot by Daughter at Goldsboro.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—It now looks as if D. J. Miller, who was shot recently by his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Miller Parker, in Goldsboro, will recover, although physicians say they were surprised that he survived his wound. A report from Goldsboro today states that Miller is making a game and seemingly successful fight for his life. Several days ago he was inaccurately reported here to be dead. The wounded man, who received his injury when he exasperated his daughter by upbraiding her, has a son here, and is well known in Kinston. Mrs. Parker is at liberty under bail.

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INNOVATION AT KINSTON

Nearly All Churches Join in Union Christmas Service

(Special Star Correspondence)

Kinston, N. C., Dec 25.—A union Christmas service of nearly all the churches in Kinston was an innovation here today. At 11 A. M. Rev. George B. Sanrahan, pastor of Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church, filled the pulpit in Gordon street Christian church, Methodists, Baptists and members of other denominations joining with the Presbyterians and Christians in a simple but beautiful service. The union service was planned on Christmas day of 1913, and carefully-laid plans made then and added to since resulted in an affair fully up to the expectations of the interested ministers and laymen. Charitable organizations got in a good day's work yesterday, but big quantities of food and clothing were not distributed until today. The "Central Christmas Committee", organized by thoughtful women, had as its aim the supplying of those overlooking by other charities. "That none may be overlooked" was the appeal by its members to Christmas givers, and many a delinquent family was supplied as a result of the committee's efforts.

CLARK TO SPEAK DEC. 30

U. N. C. Alumni Association of Wayne County to Banquet Dec 29

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec, 25.—The Wayne County Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina, will hold its annual banquet at the Woman's Club room Tuesday night, December 29th, at 8:30. Every alumnus is urged to be present. The ladies of the Woman's Club will serve the banquet. Prof. Branson, the new Professor of social economics at the University, will speak on Wayne county social and economic life. He has made a study of Wayne county and his address will be worth hearing. Dean M. H. Stacy has been invited and will speak on the University.

Owing to the annual banquet of the Wayne County Allumni U. N. C. Association being fixed for Tuesday night of next week, the date of Chief Justice Clark's address here on Woman Suffrage has been changed to Wednesday night, December 30th.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1914.

Pity 'tis that Scarborough always will bear its scar.

Those who are unhappy themselves should do their best to make others happy.

If you see anybody who looks as if he has dug down in his jeans till he can't dig, it's father.

The battle line has no telephone girls on it, even if we are being constantly informed that the line's busy.

A man who is on his last legs never has any fear that any of them ever will be pulled.

A lady says it is anything but amusing to her to be able to refer to the fact that her bibulous husband is always indulging in biblical quotations.

Whatever else may be predicted for the New Year, it is inevitable that many people will find themselves straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

In order to keep from being regarded as ordinary Americans, some Boston folks pronounce can't "cawn't". Now and then they forget themselves and pronounce cawnt "can't".

The selection of a new Sultan for Egypt was done without the knowledge or consent of the people, but that won't prevent the Sultan from getting his envelope when pay day rolls around.

Says the Baltimore Sun: "A Washington court has ruled that a man can't give beer away in hospitality without a permit." Of course, he can do it just so he does not permit himself to get caught doing it.

Christmas is what we make it, although the weather may have a great deal to do with it. Gloomy weather is bad even on Christmas for naturally gloomy people. Some live in an atmosphere of gloom because they do not try to get the spirit of Christmas in them.

Says the New Orleans States: "Mary Garden, who recently visited France ostensibly as a Red Cross nurse, says she was so shocked by the horrors of war that she will not sing for a long time." Of course, if she insists on living in retirement theatre goers will regret that they are to see less of her than they used to see.

In a transfer of land near Dearborn, Michigan, a deed 79 years old was recently recorded for the first time. The price named in the deed was $393, whereas the same property now is worth $40,000. The value of that piece of property seems to have increased in the same proportion that land in Eastern North Carolina is sure to increase.

It was pretty safe to say that Kitchin would have won over Garrett as Democratic floor leader of the House. This was clearly indicated by the fact that a kitchen is always on the ground floor, while the garret necessarily is just beneath the top of the house. If there is anything in a name, Kitchin would have made any opponent see smoke.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot notes that the chairman of the Progressive party in Oklahoma is on his way to Oyster Bay to tell the Colonel that "the Progressive party has reached the end of its rope." Since the Colonel is fully aware of that, the chairman may be going to Oyster Bay to let the Colonel know that he is the last of the Mohicans.

While Representative Hobson's joint resolution for the submission of a national prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority in the House, the majority voted for it. Captain Hobson had a strong following, unless prohibition can be credited with the remarkable showing made for it in the House. Anyhow, the Merrimac hero won such a significant triumph that he can stand all the jokes being perpetrated at his expense. At the same time, he weakened his own strength by attacking the President

WHY HAVEN'T WE A BETTER NAVY?

Representative Gardner, Senator Lodge and other Republicans who thought they were making political capital by complaining that the navy and the army were not prepared for war, have started something that is making the country inquire into the reasons why this country's military and naval equipment is not what they ought to be.

The howlers sought to reflect on the Democratic administration by holding out the idea that in two years the army and navy had been allowed by the Democrats to go to the dogs. Of course, the people have been somewhat startled at the statements that we are not prepared to fight any old day and lick any nation on earth, but in their sober minds they know that the navy and the army could not have so deteriorated in a couple of years.

Now, therefore, the people want to know what the Republican administrations did with the $1,645,000,186 spent on the country's fighting equipment during the past sixteen years. Quite naturally, if they spent it for a real war equipment, we ought to have the goods on hand. Have we got them? If not, what did the Republicans do with the more than one and a half billion dollars placed in their hands by Congress to protect the country?

While the Republican administrations were spending $1,645,000,186 on the American navy, Germany spent only $1,237,915,960 on hers. It is admitted that Germany has something to show for her money, although she spent $400,000,000 less than we have spent. Germany got more navy for her money than we got navy for our money. Why? Gardner, Lodge, et al, ought to explain that. We surely ought to have an investigation as to our present alleged unpreparedness for war, and while we are doing it there ought to be an investigation as to why Republican administrations spent more than a billion and a half dollars on the navy and then complain that it is not to be depended on.

We are pretty well satisfied that what navy we have is all right under proper administration, but it is safe to bet that we spent more and got less navy for our money than any other nation got in navy for the money spent. An investigation might show how we can economize in naval expenditure, instead of spending a mint of money for a navy that is inadequate and is not worth the money we have paid for it through Republican hands.

Gardner and Lodge ought to insist on looking over the books for sixteen years, so they can find out what is the matter with the navy and why such an inadequate navy as they complain about was turned over to the Democrats as a poor sample of Republican naval building.

THE COTTON SITUATION AS THE YEAR CLOSES

The cotton situation seems to be decidedly improving as the year draws to a close. The New York Journal of Commerce, in summing up the week on the New York Cotton Exchange, says prices are moderately advancing in spite of Christmas. German houses are buying and some of the week's exports went to Germany direct. In "Cotton Comment" it is said: "Germany is still buying. So are investors. Germany, which sees cotton selling at 19.65 cents in Bremen, is glad to buy it for less than half that price in America. No wonder."

Another hopeful sign for cotton is the promise of recovery in export cotton goods. Red Sea markets are buying in small quantities. India has ordered a few more standard drills and increased orders are expected. China is sending in shipping instructions on some goods due since last August, and September, when the war put her business on the bum. Miscelaneous small markets also are buying cotton goods in increasing volume. Referring to the futures and spot situation the Journal of Commerce says:

"Prices advanced 50 to 65 cents a bale on a broadening speculation. But it was not all speculation by any means. Germany is buying for something besides speculation. Germany is buying cotton on the ground, first, that she needs it, and second, that cotton at these prices is a bargain. And no wonder. In Bremen prices recently have been 16 to 20 cents a pound. October, which Germany is and has been buying of late at 8 cents and upward, certainly looks cheap by comparison with recent quotations from Bremen of spot cotton at 19.65c. The German buying is one of the distinctive features of the market. It is said that a large consignment of cotton is on the way to New York, and the understanding is that it is not to stop here, but is to be exported partly at least to Germany. Not only Germany, but Austria, is believed to be buying in this country. England, France and Italy are doing what they can to encourage the importation of cotton into Europe, treating it as non-contraband. Also, it is of interest to observe that war risks and rates show a downward tendency. This surely is encouraging to the export trade in cotton. Spot markets are steady and slightly higher. This is something different from what they expected at this season. Some time ago the air was full of predictions that Christmas cotton would swamp the market and that the price would be rapidly driven downward. The reverse has occurred. Christmas cotton has notfigured largely this year. In fact, the sales of Christmas cotton this year, strange as it may sound, have been smaller than usual. Also the sales of Southern hedges here have been dwindling to a very small amount daily The amount, in fact, is so small that the market has readily absorbed such hedge selling. At one time it was predicted that Southern hedge selling would be a serious blow to the price. It has been nothing of the kind. The firmness with which cotton is held at the South and the refusal also of the South to hedge here at current prices have been among the noteworthy features of the market for weeks past".

Even the ginning report made by the government this week had a bullish effect on the cotton market. The great event of the week in all the cotton markets was the ginners' report. They stated the total up to December 12 at 13,977,189 bales, against 12,927,428 bales last year and 12,439,036 bales the year previous and 13,770,727 bales in 1911-12. In other words, the ginning for the last period ended December 12 was only 900,982 bales, against 1,404,997 bales in the period ended November 30 and 1,842,128 bales in that ended November 13. In other words, there has been a decrease for the last two periods. Much emphasis was laid on this fact in some quarters.

Exports for the week were close to 40,000 bales, half of which went to the Continent and much of it, it is believed, went to Germany. Spot markets were firm, with advances of 1-16 at some points. Some of the bulls interpret the ginning figures as meaning after all no larger crop than that of 1911-12, when it was 16,100,000 bales. They think the statistical position from this point of view is better than had been generally supposed to be.

It is also contended by the bulls that a big crop is apt to be overestimated just as a small crop is apt to be underestimated. If trade should revive the consumption might surprise a good many of the pessimists. The Journal of Commerce observes that there are those who believe that peace may come as suddenly and unexpectedly as the war began. Furthermore, there is a widespread and deep-seated conviction that the next acreage will be greatly reduced. One evidence of this is the increase of winter wheat acreage in many States of the South. This is not absolutely conclusive proof that there will be a very large decrease in the actual cotton acreage but the indications point that way.

RICHMOND GETS A PRESENT.

After all the depression that has been prevalent for a year, and especially during the demoralizing five months period of war in Europe, the Richmond Times-Dispatch says the bank dividends to be paid out there in January to shareholders shows that no serious effects of these conditions have been felt in Richmond's financial circles. At the beginning of the New Year, Richmond's financial institutions will pay shareholders $301,767.70 in dividends. It is a New Year's present that ought to cheer Richmond up and brighten the prospect for another year, especially since it is the Federal Reserve bank center for this district.

Richmond's dividend account may even be larger than that named, for a new financial institution may possibly declare a dividend, unless it is deferred. Even as it is, the Times-Dispatch says the dividends to be paid at the beginning of the year are within a few hundred dollars of that paid about January 1st, a year ago. Evidently says that paper, the depression has had no serious effect on the city's financial institutions. They have earned substantially their accustomed dividends.

The probability is that the country as a whole will make a showing equally as satisfactory, except in banking circles where figures are juggled. As to Richmond, however, our contemporary breaks it off in calamity howlers in these crisp words: "Here is enough to make the pessimist ashamed of himself and give the optimist renewed confidence in the city's enduring prosperity."

A man in Racine, Wisconsin, stole a kiss on Monday, September 14th, and very much provoked a girl. On the following Friday he snatched the second kiss, whereupon the girl "took him to court." For the first kiss the jury fined him $100 and for the second he had to pay $250. The two kisses cost $350, yet the girl never got one red cent for either. She got revenge while the State got the money—or rather the court and its satellites did. The question is, why should the state get the profit out of the mortification of the girl?

Some men who get the best of everybody also manage to get the best of everything.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The American farmer may be reasonably sure of a market for all the food products that can be grown in this country next year. For some years exports of such products have been declining, not so much that there was no demand for them abroad, but because they were needed at home to feed a rapidly increasing population. Now that there is urgent need of food supplies in Europe the farmers of the United States can make no mistake in growing a bumper crop of cereals in 1915.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Eugene Zimmerman, who has just died in Cincinnati, was one of the last survivors of that interesting band of financial pirates and railroad wreckers, of whom Jay Gould was easily the chief, who flourished most luxuriantly two or three decades ago. Unlike J. P. Morgan and E. H. Harriman, who were always constructive in their work, Zimmerman accumulated his wealth by a system of finance that ultimately sent his roads, notably the Pere Marquette and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, into bankruptcy, where they now are. Under the stricter regulation now enforced such operations are hardly possible. The Middle West is strewn with railroad wrecks that show how vicious the old methods were.—Philadelphia Record.

The main thing is to keep going—to keep on at the plowing and planting, the smelting and forging, the fetching and carrying, the spinning and weaving, the tunneling and building, and to keep into activity all the multiple undertakings in which human energy is enlisted. It is an interlocking world game, this affair of earning the daily bread by the sweat of the brow. The war beyond the Atlantic has demoralized the interchange upon which our industrial activities are to a very large extent dependent. But the activities must go on. There is going to be a demand for whatever food and manufactured wealth surplassage we may produce next year. Ours not to destroy. Ours to provide more abundantly against the wastage.—Baltimore American (Rep.)

Valuable statistics relating to the cotton manufacturing business in this country were contained in a local story in yesterday afternoon's News. It seems that government reports show that there were 320,000 more spindles operating in Southern cotton mills on December 1st than there were on August 1st before the European war broke out. Another noteworthy fact was that for the year ending August 31st the consumption of cotton in the cotton growing states aggregated 54.2 per cent of the total of the entire country. This shows that the tables have turned and that today the South is leading the nation in the manufacture of cotton goods. In other words instead of shipping the bulk of the raw product to Northern mills to be made up into goods and to be sold back to the South, we are using up a large volume of our raw material at home and thereby keeping the profits in the South. Another fact of particular interest to this State is that North Carolina during the year mentioned showed the largest gain in number of spindles of any state in the Union—or a gain in spindleage of 37 per cent. To show the activity of Southern mills now it is seen that the largest number of spindles ever operated in the South at one time was 12,403,547 and that the number of spindles operated during last month was 12,337,142, or only 66,405 short of the highest record. This would indicate that while the cotton manufacturing industry was hit hard during the first months of the war it is recovering to such an extent as to warrant almost normal operations.—Charlotte News.

CUTTING THE HIGH COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Where Students Get Their Meals and Tuition for $3.50 a Week.

In the "Interesting People" department of the January American Magazine appear a picture and sketch of W. H. Clemmons, president of Fremont College, Nebraska, where students get their meals and an education for $3.50 a week. When President Clemmons took charge 25 years ago there were 32 students. Now there are 2,300. And all this without a cent of endowment or state or national aid. Following is an extract from the sketch:

"I can no longer doubt the reality of the highest cost of living. Board and tuition have advanced one dollar per term at Fremont College, and when the price rises at Fremont College, the indication of the h. c. o. l. is indisputable.

"This increased cost now makes the student's meals cost him 9 11-23 cents each. That is, they average that much if he is extravagant, and boards at the dearest table. If he wishes to economize, he can get good meals for less 7 12-23 cents.

"Maybe the charge for tuition is made high enough to cover the loss on meals. Let us see. This extravagant board costs $2 per week. Room and tuition, $1.90, total $3.90 per week. If you want to economize, as beforesaid, it comes cheaper.

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By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

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RAINY WEATHER MADE A DREARY CHRISTMAS

Observance in Wilmington Marked by Quietness.

General Cessation of Business in City by the Sea—Church Services. Most People Spend the Day at Home.

A downpour of rain for the greater part of the day made Christmas in Wilmington rather dreary, but there was some consolation in the fact that it was worse in the other cities of North Carolina. The observance was quiet, say those who have lived in the City by the Sea for many years, more so than usual. There was a constant popping of firecrackers of various kinds, to be sure, but this is always expected on Christmas in this part of the country. It was a fine day to stay at home and this was what most Wilmington people did.

There were services in a number of the churches and these were well attended. The rain made it necessary to postpone the Community tree which was to have been given in the northern part of the city last night, but otherwise all Christmas exercises were held as originally planned.

In the afternoon and evening many attended the presentation of "Within the Law", at the Academy of Music and the moving picture theatres also did a big business.

No Christmas, of course, is complete without an elaborate dinner and these were the occasions of great enjoyment. During the morning, in spite of the inclement weather, many people made calls to extend a merry Christmas to their friends. While dreary outside, there was plenty of joy and gladness in the homes.

The poor had been remembered with liberal gifts from those more fortunate and these helped them to forget for the moment the pressing problems of making a living.

There were just a few, not more than usual, however, who drank too deeply of the cup that cheers and manifested a spirit of gladness altogether foreign to the sacred meaning of the day. Some of these stayed at home while others appeared in public places in exuberant mood.

However, most of these were able to keep themselves within the confines of the limits set by law and order. The police department was kept busy rounding up the rowdy ones but their work was rather less than usual. Chief of Police Williams stated yesterday that the day was quieter than any Christmas he remembered during the 16 years he has been associated with the department.

Church Services.

Special Christmas services were held in the Episcopal and Lutheran churches at 11 o'clock yesterday morning with the exception of St. Paul's Episcopal church, a special service having been held at this church on Christmas eve, beginning at 11:30 P. M. At midnight there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., the rector, conducted the service.

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton made a most helpful and inspiring talk on the meaning of Christmas at St. James' church following which the Holy Communion was celebrated. Holy Communion was celebrated and a special Christmas service was held at St. John's Episcopal church at the same hour. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. W. E. Cox. A special musical programme was rendered at both churches.

Rev. F. B. Clausen preached a sermon on "The Soul of Christmas" at St. Paul's Lutheran church at 11 o'clock. There was a special musical programme. Rev. G. W. McClanahan, the pastor, preached at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at the same hour.

Large congregations attended all of these services in spite of the rain.

Christmas Trees.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Lutheran church had their annual Christmas tree and entertainment yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. There was a large tree, bountifully decorated, laden with presents for the children. The programme consisted of music, songs, recitations and dialogues. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the members of Southside Baptist church and their friends met at the church and packed a large box full of Christmas gifts for the orphans at the Thomasville Orphanage.

The members of the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension, corner Third and Marstellar streets, had a Christmas tree last evening at 7:15 o'clock. At that time the rain had begun to pour down in earnest and this made the attendance smaller than it would have been otherwise. There were gifts for all the children and the occasion was one of the most pleasant of the year.

An entertainment was given last evening at 8 o'clock at Fourth Street Christian Advent church.

Singing of Carols.

One of the most interesting features of the Christmas celebration in Wilmington was the singing of Christmas carols between 9 and 10 o'clock on Christmas eve night by the members of the choir and of the Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of the Good Shepherd. They came down Orange street from the church, thence up Princess street to the Catherine Kennedy Home, where they brought joy and gladness to those living there by singing the old familiar carols that are loved so well. They then went down Orange street to their homes.

This is a feature that is observed in many of the cities of the country and it is hoped that next Christmas it may be carried out on a more extensive scale. Many people living on the streets traversed by the chorus expressed their appreciation of having been given this opportunity of hearing the carols sung.

POSTPONE COMMUNITY TREE

Rainy Weather Prevented Event From Being Given at St. John's Mission Last Night, as Intended.

On account of the inclement weather last night, the Community Christmas tree, which was to have been given at St. John's Mission, No. 1313 North Fourth street, has been postponed until Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The weather man promises fair and colder weather for today, and for several days following, and no obstacle such as rain is anticipated.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the event, and it was a great disappointment to many people that it was raining last night, making it impossible to have the exercises. One of the features of the programme will be the singing of Christmas carols by the children of the Cornelius Harnett school who have been trained by Mrs. Fennell, the principal. There are other features which will make the event one of the most enjoyable of the Yuletide season.

Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, has had charge of the arrangements, and will preside at the exercises Monday night. The exercises will be held from the porch of the Mission house. The members of the Wilmington Street Department have provided a large tree, which has been set in place under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Jno. C. McAllister. It will be lighted with hundreds of tiny electric bulbs, these having been furnished by the Tidewater Power Company.

Much time has been spent in completing the arrangements for the occasion, and it is hoped that the weather may be favorable Monday night, and there is every reason for believing that it will. The event, while given in the nothern part of the city, is intended for all the people of Wilmington who are interested in a proper observance of the spirit of Christmas.

GOT LADIES' WARDROBE.

Officer Coleman Found All Sorts of Clothes in Negro's Trunk.

Charged with stealing most of the wardrobe of Ira Fisher, a colored woman, John Atkins, who was arrested early yesterday morning by Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman, will be arraigned before the Recorder this morning. The negro woman, who has a man's name, swore out the warrant at the police station and also stated that John had drawn his pistol on her whereupon an additional warrant was issued charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Officer Coleman went to 12th and Red Cross streets, where Atkins was reported to be staying, and found the negro in the act of leaving with trunk packed and everything in readiness. He searched the trunk and found a varied collection of women's clothes which the Fisher woman alleges he stole from her.

EXERCISES AT KINDERGARTEN

Children at Delgado Have Enjoyable Occasion on Christmas Eve

The children of the James Sprunt kindergarten school at Delgado, 60 in number, had a most enjoyable Christmas tree Thursday afternoon. Miss McIntire is the principal of the school and under her direction the children had prepared a programme that reflected decided credit upon the training that they are receiving. Capt. W. P. Monroe, Assistant Chief of the Wilmington fire department, who has acted as Santa Claus on more occasions than any other man in the city, played this role on this occasion and, as he always does, did it superbly.

This was the second time for the day that Captain Monroe appeared in the role of dear old "Santy," having acted in a similar capacity at Miss Alderman's school in the city earlier in the day.

SEMINOLE IN PORT

Revenue Cutter Spends Christmas At Her Wharf Here

The revenue cutter Seminole came into port on Christmas Eve from her winter station at the mouth of the Cape Fear to spend Christmas here and to get supplies. The sailor boys went ashore at Southport and got two huge bunches of holly, one for each mass of the vessel. The vessel will return to her station Monday.

Christmas Tree Tonight

The Sunday School of the Church of the Good Shepherd will have a Christmas tree and entertainment this evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared and there will be gifts for the children.

A. B. VAN BUREN, ESQ., DEAD

Popular Young Wilmington Attorney Died Last Night After Lingering Illness

At this season of the year, so synonymous in the human mind with joy and gladness, the announcement of any death is with great sadness, but in the passing of Arthur B. VanBuren, Esq., whose death occurred last night at 9:30 o'clock, at his home in Winoca Terrace, the community will be all the more shocked because of his great popularity and the generally high esteem in which he was held, coupled with the fact that the end of a young and useful life has come after a little more than eight weeks of almost superhuman physical courage and endurance.

For some days it has been known that Mr. VanBuren was in extremis, but through it all he has met new and unexpected complications with such fortitude and cheerfulness that hundreds of friends have hoped and prayed that he would still ultimately recover and be restored to himself, after such a brave fight for life. On the 25th of last October, soon after his return from a visit to New York, Mr. VanBuren was stricken with an intestinal trouble, necessitating his undergoing an extremely difficult operation at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, from which he at first rallied splendidly and his condition gave every encouragement. He was some weeks later thought to be able to return to his home and he did so with every prospects of recovery, but a little later, complications began to arise and after reaching home he was forced to undergo other operations, from which he always rallied with sublime physical courage, but at length it was seen that medical science and even the most careful and tender nursing was unequal to the emergency and Mr. Van Buren answered the summons last night at the hour named.

His passing will come as a sad realization to many friends in Wilmington where he had made his home for the past ten or twelve years, and to the loved ones so deeply bowed down in sorrow will go out the tenderest sympathy of the whole community. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been fully completed but the services will take place on Sunday at an hour to be named later and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Arthur Benjamin VanBuren was born in Richmond, Va., 38 years ago, his parents, both of whom survive, being Mr. and Mrs. B. B. VanBuren, of Richmond. He was educated in the schools of Richmond and at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, a little later choosing the profession of law and having been licened to practice both in Virginia and in North Carolina. He came to Wilmington about 12 years ago and was first connected with the Traffic Department of the Atlantic Coast Line in the general offices of the railroad in this city. While there he compiled a digest of the rulings of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the first work of its kind issued and which, proving a valuable compendium, found a wide circulation everywhere. He remained with the railroad company until June of the present year when he gave up his position in the Traffic Department of the A. C. L. and has since that time been connected with J. O. Carr, Esq., in the general practice of law in this city.

On April 17th, 1906, Mr. VanBuren married Miss Carrie Laurens Wright, a daughter of the late Mr. Joshua G. Wright, of this city and a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished familes in this section of the State. She, with one little son, Arthur B. Van Buren, Jr., one year old, survives him. Also, his parents and one brother, Mr. Edward VanBuren, of Richmond. Absent members of the family are expected today to attend the funeral tomorrow.

Mr. VanBuren was a man of exceptionally fine qualities and made many friends and lasting ones. He was devoted to the law, had a fine legal mind and his chosen profession held out to him large things for the future in the opinion of those competent to judge.

He was most agreeable as a companion, exceedingly affable and possessed a high sense of honor. His wide circle of friends and the community generally are the losers in his sad and untimely death.

Mr. VanBuren was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church and the funeral will be according to the rites of that church. Despite the weather conditions and the holiday diversions, many friends called at the saddened home last night to offer condolences and be of what assistance they could.

DISTRIBUTES BULLETINS REGARDING HOLIDAY FIRES

Chief Schnibben Warns People Against Careless Fires

Several days ago Fire Chief Charlie Schnibben, of the Wilmington fire department, distributed in the city a holiday fire bulletin which had been prepared by the National Fire Protection Association in which timely suggestions are made regarding the prevention of fires during the Yuletide season. There are warnings for stores, churches, bazaars and homes, all of them being especially in order at this time of the year.

Every year in America, it is stated, many children are burned to death by fires from Christmas candles. The following "don'ts" are contained in the bulletin.

Don't decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflamable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Don't use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fibre.

Don't permit children to light or relight the candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.

Don't leave matches within reach of children at holiday time. Candles are not meant to be lighted and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

Don't allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when needles become dry. A large number of fires usually occur in January from this cause.

Meeting at Wrightsboro.

There will be an important meeting of the members of the B. Y. P. U. of Wrightsboro Baptist church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock and all the members are urged to be present. Officers will be elected and other matters of importance will receive attention.

SUNDAY SERVICES

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness and sing of Thy righteousness."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in Thee."

"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor—Sabbath services. Miriams meet at 10:30 A. M. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Junior C. E. at 3:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 3:30 P. M. Junior C. E. at 4:30 P. M. Senior C. E. at 7:15 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free; a welcome for all.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor—Sabbath school at 10:30 A. M. Preaching at 11:15 A. M. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. All are invited to these services.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge—Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M.

Bethany Presbyterian church, near Wrightsboro, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Residents of neighborhood invited to attend.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow at 3:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10:15 A. M. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to both services.

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COLD WAVE IS ON THE WAY

Likely to Strike Wilmington This Morning, Says Observer Felger. Rainy Day Yesterday.

"Cold wave: temperature will fall decidedly during the next 36 hours" was the message of warning sent out yesterday by Observer Felger, of the local weather bureau, although at the time it was raining seemingly with little prospects of a drop in temperature. He based his prediction on the fact that in the Northwest the temperature was from 20 to 30 degrees below zero, and that the wave was moving southeast, according to the reports made at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

The cold wave will likely strike Wilmington early this morning and it will be cold, very cold, tonight, says Mr. Felger. A low barometer over the Gulf states caused general rains throughout the South yesterday. Snow was reported as far south as Lynchburg, Va., and also at Fort Smith, Ark.

It was 26 degrees below zero at Williston, N. D. It was 20 degrees below at Duluth, Minn., and 10 below at St. Paul, Minn., which for once failed to show up as the coldest place on the map. The thermometer also dropped at St. Louis and other places in Missouri.

The minimum temperature in Wilmington yesterday was registered at 8 o'clock last night, the mercury being 27 degrees above zero at that time. It was snowing in Asheville at the same hour with a total precipitation of 2.06 inches for the 24 hours preceding. Raleigh had a total rainfall for the day of 2.18 inches and a minimum temperature of 36 degrees. Charlotte had a total rainfall of 2.42 inches and a minimum temperature was 40 degrees. Wilmington fared better than any of the other North Carolina cities in the way of rain, having only 1.73 inches for the day. Most of this fell in the afternoon and last night.

In view of the rainy, sloppy day in Wilmington yesterday and also of the preceding Christmas it is of interest to know that the weather records of the Wilmington office which extend back for 44 years, show that during that time there have been 16 Christmas days when the weather was bad or about one in three. Observer Felger thinks that this is a pretty good record.

It is also of interest to note that on Christmas eve in 1913 it rained, the weather being very similar to that of Christmas eve this year. It also rained during Christmas day last year, but cleared up in the afternoon, a rather brisk wind blowing and the thermometer taking a decided drop. While it was rainy yesterday it did not clear up in the afternoon, but instead there were signs of an electrical storm and there was some wind. It also rained quite hard.

While it was rainy and sloppy in Wilmington yesterday this did not keep people off the streets and all day long there was a constant throng of men on the streets. Umbrellas and raincoats, however, were in much demand.

It was a dreary day from a weather standpoint, but otherwise there was plenty of evidence of the Christmas spirit. Wilmington people refused to allow their enthusiasm to be dampened by the rainfall and made the best of it, as they always do.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. W. P. Kenan, No. 202 South Third street.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dewey left yesterday morning for Chapel Hill, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dewey's brother, Mr. F. G. Patterson, who died suddenly Thursday night.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer. Miss Marian Cabell Pickell left yesterday for Wilmington to spend the holidays with her cousin, Miss Miriam Holloday."

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The soiree to have been given by the children on the Cantwell, Lord and Taylor dancing class this afternoon has been postponed to a later date, notice of which will be given in due time.

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Greenville, N. C., Dec. 25.—In the Methodist church here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mr. H. L. Harris, a prominent business man of Rocky Mount, and Miss Eva Stubbs, a daughter of Mr. W. L. Stubbs, of this city, were married, Rev. J. M. Daniel performing the ceremony. Soon after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harris left for a visit to Wilmington and other points south.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foster, of Charleston, S. C., are the guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. H. McC. Stanford, at Winter Park. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the parents of Mrs. Stanford and have been pleasantly welcimed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford here.

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MR. AND MRS. HUGHES TO RESIDE IN WILMINGTON

The following is from Thursday's Charlotte News: "Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes left on the 22nd to spend Xmas with their home people in Virginia. After the holidays they will make their home in Wilmington, where Mr. Hughes goes to take up work in his new territory. Mr. Hughes holds a position with the Brown Shoe Company and has traveled out of Charlotte.

"Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, since coming to Charlotte, there or four years ago, have made a large circle of friends who regret to see them leave".

THEATRICAL

Christmas is over, but shows that are the equal of the very best of Christmas offerings will continue at the New Grand theatre. Yesterday the popularity of this handsome theatre was demonstrated in no uncertain way. Christmas crowds were there in spite of the disagreeable day and were immenesely delighted with the best holiday show ever offered by any movie theatre in Wilmington. Of course, the theatre was as warm as a toast.

It is such comfort at the New Grand that attracts folks on the coldest of days. The New Grand has selected fine shows for the entire holiday season, so today's will be another brilliant offering, and will provide the best week-end display of films the Wilmington amusement-public has ever known. There will be four of the greatest reels of pictures that have every graced a screen and they will constitute a superb show. Heading today's big and wonderful collection will be Lubin's 2-part triumph, "On Suspicion", which is one of the most thrilling dramatics ever created. It is a gripping story of the "third degree" methods and therefore deals with a timely topic. The cast is an unusually strong one, headed by Lucile Young, who appears as "Maud" and Frank Elliott, who will be seen in the role of the district attorney.

Following this massive dramatic will come two of the greatest fun pictures ever flashed on a screen. One is "Henpeck Gets a Night Off", bearing a laugh a second, with Dave Morris, Florence Lee and other well known folks in the cast. The other is "The Mysterious Black Box", which will dish-up the biggest kind of chuckles.

So don't miss today's great treat at the New Grand, and the price of admission will be the same old 5 cents, any and all the time.

Bijou's Holiday Offering.

The holiday spirit will reign supreme everywhere today on this glorious holiday week-end, and the "theatre of Christmas cheer" is all ready for the immense throngs that will crowd its commodious interior today and tonight. It seems that every one who has a holiday visitor takes pride in taking them to the Bijou theatre, judging from the crowds of strange faces seen within the past few days. And there's no place where solid comfort and genuine enjoyment reigns supreme to such an extent.

The big bill is headed by that great two-reel Mutual dramatic feature, "The Spark Eternal," wherein is told in great splendor of setting, and by a cast of Mutual stars, the story of an instance where the home instinct triumphed over brute impulse. It's a beautiful, withal a strong and compelling dramatic production that is bound to leave a lasting impression in the minds of everyone. Seen in the leading roles are those peerless screen stars, Leona Hutton, Arthur Jarrett and Charles French, which insures a film drama right up to the top notch.

Then there's that strong single reel dramatic feature, "The Widow's Last," which features the peerless Murdock MacQuarrie in one of his highly emotional dramatic roles, where the widow seeks revenge upon a man who has wronged her, but instead marries him. It's a unique plot, and is well carried out as to detail and technique.

A rousing Sterling comedy, "His New Job," features Agnes Copelin and Arthur Tavares, and is a scream from start to finish, while the rear is brought up with another big Joker, "The Genii of the Vase," a weird and interesting comedy featuring popular Betty Schade, with Ernest Shields. Don't fail to visit "Wilmington's Cozy Corner" today or tonight.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Jake Bryant, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Plainclothesman Leon George on a charge of assaulting Andrew Nixon. He was locked up.

—Sam James, colored, alleged to have stolen a suit of clothes from another negro valued at $15, ate Christmas dinner at the expense of the city yesterday and will be arrangned before the Recorder this morning on a charge of larceny. He was arrested by Policeman S. H. Fulford.

—The fire department was called out yesterday morning at 9 o'clock on account of a small blaze at the home of Emmie White, colored, No. 1212 North Seventh street. The fire was caused by a defective fire place and the principal damage was from tearing up the hearth. The loss was about $10. The alarm was sent in from box 17.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Abraham Watson, colored, had a rude termination of his Christmas festivities early last night when he was arrested by Policeman R. J. Thompson at Eleventh and Market streets, on an old warrant from last July charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon on another negro by slashing him with a knife. He was given a berth in the police station for the night.

SHOT HIM IN THE NECK.

Alfred Best to Hospital With Bullet in Neck—Luther Hanes Jugged.

Alfred Best, colored, is in the hospital with a bullet in his neck and Luther Hanes, also colored, charged with shooting him, is in the lock-up pending a termination of Best's injuries for a trial before the Recorder on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, if not for a more serious crime.

The shooting occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon near Cowan and Harnett streets, over on the old Cape Fear lumber mill hill. The negroes had some "words" and Hanes is reported to have whipped out his pistol and shot Best. A call was sent in to the police station and half a dozen officers were soon on the scene, the arrest having been made by Policeman S. H. Fulford. Hanes had a pistol on his person when arrested and will doubtless also answer a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

FUNERAL OF MRS. TURNER.

Services From Residence Yesterday Afternoon—Interment in Oakdale.

The funeral of Mrs. J. M. Turner, who died Thursday afternoon at her home, No. 10 Wooster street, was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon by Rev. T. P. Noe. The services were attended by a large number of friends. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

The pall bearers were Messrs. B. T. Burns, William Hamilton, Sr., B. W. Jacobs and T. S. Jacobs.

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"WITHIN THE LAW" SCORES DISTINCT SUCCESS HERE.

Regardless of Rain Large Audiences See Play at Academy of Music.

Regardless of the heavy downpour of rain which yesterday afternoon and last night made theatre going anything but a pleasant pastime two large and enthusiastic audiences witnessed the matinee and night performances of "Within the Law", and returned home well pleased.

Featuring Miss Clara Joel as "Mary Turner," the play scored a decided hit with Wilmington theatre-goers and no better demonstration of this fact could be made than the two crowds who saw the show yesterday, its second visit to the Academy of Music within 12 months. This is the first show to play here in something like two months and drama loving Wilmington looked forward to "Within the Law" with much pleasure.

Miss Clara Joel in the title role displayed wonderful talent and enacted her part almost to perfection. She was supported by an able troupe who aided her in putting the horrors of the "third degree" and the railroading of innocent persons to jail that so-called justice might be done, before the public in such a manner as to make a deep and lasting impression.

Wilmington theatre-goers will welcome any member of the troupe here again, either with the present show or some other. It is to be regretted that the weather prevented larger crowds seeing the play.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. WILSON.

Will be Conducted From Residence This Morning at 10 o'clock.

The funeral of Capt. Alexander M. Wilson, who was found dead in his bed at his home early Thursday morning, will be conducted from the residence, No. 217 Castle street, this morning, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Captain Wilson had resided in Wilmington for many years, and was universally liked. The news of his death caused profound regret to many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere.

ANNUAL SERMON TO TRAINMEN.

Dr. A. D. McClure Follows Custom Long Established—Sunday Night.

Following his annual custom, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will deliver a special sermon to the Order of Railway Trainmen at the evening service at the church tomorrow. This is a custom that the beloved minister has long followed and the members of the fraternal order are expected to turn out in goodly number.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the morning service. The session of the church will meet at 10:30 o'clock.

Held on Suspicions of Assault

The police department received a hurry call yesterday afternoon to the northern part of the city, the message stating that four negroes were making an assault on one P. H. Nixon, also colored. When Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman arrived three of them ran away. S. Ward was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon but as he had no pistol and Nixon said that one of the negroes had been punching him in the side with a pistol, it is likely that Ward will be released. Ward says that the other negroes had pistols.

"MADE IN AMERICA"

Velvet with the sheen of silk, and of so soft a quality that it is very little heavier, is seen in many attractive costumes at afternoon functions. Black and white is the most pleasing combination. The gown here pictured, made in the United States, with its basque effect and collar and cuffs of white organdy, is well adopted for this material. The lower skirt is of accordion pleated Pussy Willow Taffeta, which combines beautifully with the velvet.

MERRY XMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Children of Sunday School at Sunset Park Have Delightful Time

On Christmas eve the 35 or 40 children of the union Sunday school at Sunset Park had a most delightful time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Peatross. An interesting and varied programme had been prepared for the occasion and was well carried out in every particular. The children sang songs and had recitations and dialogues, and then "Old Santy" came in with a lot of presents, one for each child. In addition to these, fruit and candy was given to all. The children and their parents went home happy.

THE POLICE MASCOT.

Young Starkey Hines Dressed in "Cop" Uniform Plays the Part.

Young Starkey Hines, dressed in a "cop" uniform with regulation cap, was the mascot of the Wilmington police department yesterday. The policemen dubbed him "Officer 666", and truth to say he resembled very much the actor playing the part in this play which was given in Wilmington last season.

Young Hines is a modest chap, has a splendid face and has every evidence that when he reaches manhood he will be a manly fellow in every sense of that word.

Will of David Stern, Esq.

Yesterday's Greensboro News: "The will of the late David Stern was filed for probate yesterday with the clerk of the court. Mrs. Stern was named as executrix. He carried insurance to the amount of $23,000. Yesterday a check for $3,000 was given Mrs. Stern by Charles A. Banks, manager of the life insurance department of the Southern Real Estate Company, local agents for the Southern Life & Trust Company."

WITTY DIXIE GIRL WRITES PRIZE LETTER

On Men Who Fail to Take Off Hats in Business Building.

(Richmond Correspondence New York Herald.)

Miss Nell R. Lee Murphy, once referred to by Gen. Bennett H. Young at a Confederate reunion, as the "wittiest girl in Dixie," has waxed amusing again and succeeded in winning a prize offered by The Evening Journal, of Richmond, for the best answer to the question, "Should a man in a business elevator remove his hat when there are ladies present?"

Thousands of answers were received, and included among them were examples of all types of personality and varieties of essay-writing genius. Some of the correspondents went into the history of the hat and the influence of rheumatism on modern manners. Many became indignant and attacked every man who ever had the temerity to even carry a hat into a building where helpless women were quaking at the thought of continued impoliteness. Miss Murphy's answer is brief and to the point, and seems to sum up the hat-woman-elevator situation rather completely. It reads as follows:

"Voteless Sister, when, in this land of chivalry, bounded on the north by Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay, it becomes necessary to use a derrick to compel mere man to lift the lid from its perch when women are present in elevators, it behooves us to have an unwritten law on the matter, wherefore let us take the matter in our hands, and decide that men who does not lift his hat in an elevator when women are present is either bald, the secret wearer of a toupe, or, like the Venus de Milo, armless. In this way the omnipresent vanity of man will assert itself, and the vexed problem will be settled for all time to our complete satisfaction, and Virginia need never blush for her sons.

"Ah, Men."

STOCKS OF SOUTHERN ROADS

New Minimum Prices by Stock Exchange for General Properties

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—The Sun's stock review today says:

The governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange has made new minimum prices for a number of the stocks of the railroad properties in the South. Early in the week a reduction was made, presumably because of the reduction in the dividends on the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville and Nashville. After the new prices had been fixed it is said the offerings of both these stocks became quite liberal at the new level, and with few bids. It was doubtless this fact which has influenced the governors to make the new prices. Atlantic Coast Line has been lowered to 102, against a former minimum of 107 and an original of 112. Louisville and Nashville was reduced to 115, against 120 and 125, respectively. Seaboard Air Line preferred was dropped to 40, against 43 and 45. Southern Railway common, originally 16 and later 15 was reduced to 14. The preferred was cut to 58, against 61 and 64.

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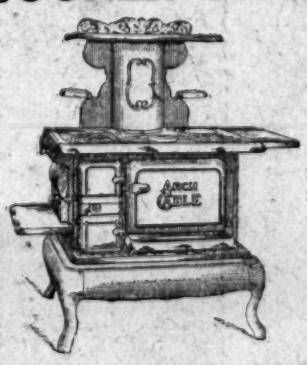

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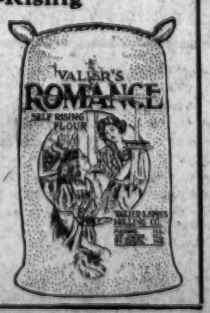

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The Good Flat 'Liza Boggs

By Arthur H. Folwell

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"So you like it," said the agent, beaming. "I thought you would. In fact, I was sure you would. For what you wanted, it was the best thing on our list."

"It" was a modest bachelor apartment, a suite of two rooms and bath in a wide, substantial brick structure which, formerly a private dwelling, had been turned, twisted and subdivided, under expert architectural supervision, into a select place of lodging for "a limited number of gentlemen." The brown stone steps had been taken down and in their place was an immaculately tiled and electric lighted entrance on a level with the street. Above, small window panes had given way to large, and without, an array of escape regalia, iron ladders and balconies, showed a decent respect on the part of the owner for the statutes of the Building and Fire departments. All told, it was a model remodeled.

"And of course we'll decorate to suit tenant," continued the agent affably, unconsciously talking like one of his own advertisements. "If you like, I'll step around with you now and get your ideas, and they'll have the lease ready by the time we get back."

Preliminaries to the taking of an apartment, whether it be a four room flat or a fifteen room section of a boulevard chateau, are much the same. My preliminaries were of that kind. Indeed, I may state at the outset that all reference to my apartment is to stop right in this paragraph, or if not in this paragraph in the next. This tale and the two rooms and bath which figured in my humble lease have nothing in common. But the rooms across the hall—Ah! That is a different matter and a different memory.

While the agent with his tagged key from the office rack was fumbling in the lazy lock of my prospective nest, I stood by on the stair landing. And then it was that I saw for the first time, over the door of my neighbor-to-be, the somewhat remarkable nameplate—remarkable, that is, in a landlubber of a lodging-house:—

THE ELIZA BOGGS
Of Bath.

The agent had the door open and had started to say, "Now, this burlap here was only put on last fall," when I interrupted him.

"Who lives in there?" I asked, pointing to the sign. "Is Eliza Boggs a bachelor girl, or what?"

The agent laughed.

"No," said he, "those are the rooms of a queer old chap named Dobbs; one who's related on somebody's side or other to the owner of the house. Poor relation, they say, and an old sailor. Guess Eliza Boggs was the name of his ship. Now, this burlap," resumed the agent, "this burlap here was put on only last fall——"

The remainder of the sentence and those immediately subsequent, having no bearing whatever upon this tale or any part of it, are hereby omitted without ceremony.

It was some days after moving in that I first met the skipper of the flat, Eliza Boggs. It was in the immaculately tiled and electric lighted entrance. A portly person, who walked with a slight limp, whose suit of dark blue was in marked contrast with his face of bright red and whose stubby beard was mostly grey, was removing the mail from his letter box. Inasmuch as the letter box and the paper which he dropped, and which I restored to him, both bore the name, Capt. Dolphin Dobbs, there was scant room for doubt as to the portly person's identity. It was my neighbor across the hall.

"Thanky," said he, in gruff but not unpleasant tones as I handed him his paper—a recent copy of the Maritime Gazette. "Live here?"

"Yes," said I. "Third floor, back."

"Swow!" said he. "Why, you're tied up in the same slip as me. Right across the dock. Come aboard some night and sit awhile and smoke."

"With pleasure," I answered.

"Come to-night," cried the Captain, with a burst of geniality, "to-night at six bells, and sample Bill Marlock's grub. 'S not a slicker cook from Quoddy Bay to Key West 'n old Bill Marlock of the 'Liza Boggs."

We stood upon the landing where a few days before the agent had talked of burlap so entertainingly. We had known each other exactly five minutes, and yet it was very evident that I had been invited to dine. Etiquette, plainly, played no part in the hearty hospitality of Dolphin Dobbs.

"I'm afraid I'd be presuming," I ventured conventionally, "upon so short an acquaintance."

"Shipmets!" said the Captain, holding up his hand and cutting me off short. "Shipmets! Tied up in the same slip."

That settled it. With my nautical knowledge extremely limited, I still was able to figure out that six bells at that hour of the day or evening meant seven o'clock, and my figures were fully confirmed, for as I crossed the stair-landing preparatory to "boarding" the flat Eliza Boggs, three pairs of brisk dings rang out from a ship's bell somewhere within. Thereupon I knocked.

"Bill," I heard the Captain rumble in response.

"Ay, ay, sir," growled a voice still deeper—a voice belonging, doubtless, to the slickest cook from Quoddy to Key West.

"Stand by t' receive comp'ny."

"Ay, ay, sir"—and then I heard approaching foot falls in the narrow private hall.

The door opened and standing within, his hand outstretched, was Captain Dolphin Dobbs. Close by, and at angles to the door, stood an unmistakable sailorman, eyes right, and finger raised in respectful salute to a cap that wasn't there.

"Come straight aboard," cried the Captain bluffly, and then in what for him was a quiet aside: "I'll present Bill to ye later on. Just now he's the crew and it wouldn't no way be dis'pline."

"The memory of that meal will never fade."

No doubt after I was safely "aboard," and the door had been shut and bolted, the Captain gave his crew an order to break ranks, or its correct nautical equivalent, but so struck was I with the Eliza Boggs' interior that the detail wholly escaped me. Night had fallen, and a big ship's lantern threw a mellow, if not a lively light, upon the queerest bachelor quarters it had ever been my lot to enter. It was the architect's evident intention that this apartment and mine should be duplicates, but it took an observant eye to catch the resemblance. With a wave of his hand, the Captain showed me to "the cabin"—across the hall it was known weakly as a den—and this also was lighted by a lantern, despite the brackets of incandescent globes. In the center of the room, just below the light, was a square table covered by a gay red cloth, but these were not the furnishings which most deeply impressed me. No. Not while two sets of bunks with pillows and blankets complete were in plain sight alongside of either wall, and a section of a mast, stepped and fitted to a nicety, extended from floor to ceiling.

"The Liza Boggs of Bath," said Captain Dobbs, pointing to the only picture in sight. "A coal barge now she be, sir, like many of her kind, but in her day, the trimmest, snuggest, deep-sea craft afloat."

"Amen! That she were," came in earnest tones from another room.

"That's Bill Marlock," said the Captain, "as was her cook and ought to know. 'S not a slicker cook 'n Bill Marlock from Quoddy Bay to Key West. Present ye, when the grub's brought on and Bill's first mate. Now, bein' he's cook, it's agen dis'pline."

The memory of that meal, served to the cheery ticking of a round ship's clock, will never fade. How Bill Marlock, finished presiding over a small gas-range in an improvised galley, put on a blue jacket and changed by the act from cook to first mate; how the Captain introduced us with bluff ceremony or lack of it; how we fell to beneath the rays of the big ship's lantern are recollections which are best dismissed with a reference. It was not until the Captain, with tolerable consistency, had applied himself to a sturdy jug that there was aught but an air of peace and serenity about this oddest of all bachelor apartments. At that, said air might indefinitely have been prolonged but for an unfortunate act of mine. By an inadvertency of the forearm, I upset the inch-thick sugar bowl upon "the cabin" floor. In an instant, I was out of my chair, apologizing profusely, and seeking to repair the slight damage.

"Not a word, shipmet, not a word," the Captain interposed, and was it in my imagination solely that his speech was slightly thickened? "She's a-rollin' to-night, she's a-rollin.' 'Tain't often we get such a swell in these waters. Bill! Bill Marlock!"

"Ay, ay, sir," cried Bill from his gas stove galley.

"The racks, Bill. Put 'em on the table.

I stared at Captain Dolphin Dobbs. Was he in earnest? He was. He rose from his seat and actually lurched.

"Nast y blow," he muttered, "an' by mornin' it'll be a hurriken. Bos'n pipe all hands to reef the tops'ls."

Still with difficulty keeping steady because of the rolling of the 'Liza Boggs, Captain Dobbs reached the window and peered beyond into the night. Just outside was the rear fire escape and the sight of it seemed to rouse him to a pitch unattained before.

"Marlock!" he roared. "Bill Marlock! Where the blazes are ye? Here it's eight bells in the first dog watch and neither your port or your starb'd lights is lit yet, and us right in the path of steamers. Wanter cut us in two?"

To a landlubber, the thing was becoming embarrassing. And the embarrassment might have been painful and lasting had not Marlock, entering the cabin with two lighted lanterns, a red and a green one, which he placed upon the fire escape, remarked to me reassuringly:

"'S all right. 'S nothing new. 'S habit. I'll navigate him."

"Bill Marlock," said Captain Dobbs, "beats me how you keeps your footin', Bill Marlock. The 'Liza Boggs ain't been in sech a blow as this since she rounded the Horn in '73. Stretch out the life lines!"

The Captain dropped into a handy chair and for a moment there was silence. Then Marlock, who seemingly had something on his mind—something that he was anxious to work off and did not know how—pulled himself together and spoke.

"Cap'n," said he, very hoarse and gruff.

"Ay, Bill Marlock," said the skipper, with equal gruffness.

"Cap'n, I——Cap'n, the cook's goin' to leave. By the cook, meanin' me."

"T' leave! Why, Bill Marlock, you're mad. There ain't a small boat aboard as could live in this here sea."

"All same, Cap'n, I'm goin to quit. Sorry, but there's no helpin' of it. 'S afternoon, over in South Street, the old feelin', the sea feelin', came back. Ain't got no kicks agen the 'Liza Boggs, o' course, but I just couldn't stay ashore no longer, so I signed. A ship bound east, Cap'n Dolph—a real ship."

"And the 'Liza Boggs ain't a real ship, Bill Marlock?"

"Real enough, an' yet not real enough, Cap'n Dolph. Thought as how she'd seem so, fittin' her out this way, but somehow she——"

"Ay, ay," said the Captain, slowly. "She aint real real, be she, Bill? Not like the 'Liza Boggs as is now a coal barge. Dunno as I blame ye, Bill, but——"

"But——," repeated Bill with the emphasis of suspense.

"But where am I t' get a cook, Bill Marlock; a cook and a crew, with you alightin' out?"

The pause which followed was a pause full of silent perplexity. It was Marlock who spoke first.

"Cap'n," he began, haltingly.

"Ay, Bill Marlock," said Captain Dobbs, solemnly.

"Couldn't you shanghai one, mebbe?"

I was forced next morning, for business reasons, to leave my rooms much earlier than usual. As I snapped the lock of my outer door, all was quiet in the quarters opposite. The 'Liza Boggs, the storm gone down, was apparently riding on an even keel. The Captain, I judged, was still asleep. As for Marlock—cook, crew and first mate—I knew not whether he was still aboard, or whether he had departed, individually and in a body, after I, the night before, had taken leave.

That evening when I returned to my rooms, I met, in the immaculately tiled and electric lighted entrance, the affable agent.

"You missed it," said he with a degree of jocularity.

"Missed what?" I asked.

"Oh," said he, smiling, "a little excitement, that's all. About an hour ago, I guess it was, a waiter from Tortoni, the caterer, was delivering some stuff to the third floor, front. Your quaint, old neighbor Boggs jumped out upon him at the turn of the hall, got a good hold, and tried to drag him by main strength inside."

"Well!" said I to the agent, but to myself I said: "Shanghaied, by thunder!"

"Yes," my informant went on, "he tried to drag him inside, but the waiter yelled and clawed and the finish was that they both rolled downstairs. That's about all. The waiter charged Boggs with unprovoked assault and a cop lugged them both to the station."

"And Boggs said nothing when arrested?"

"No—the crazy chump!—what could he say?"

"Oh, yessah, he said one ting kase I done hear him," the janitor interposed. "When dey done sep'rate de two gammen, Cap'n Boggs he say, dess soon's he get his breaf: 'Dam dat man Marlock anyhow. Doan I wish I had him yere.'"

They got the Captain out later on. The owner of the house, a dim and distant relation, furnished bail, and by the use of a balm which seldom fails in such cases, the waiter's injuries were so nearly healed that he consented to withdraw the complaint. I saw the Captain shortly after matters were settled, and in confidential tones he said to me:

"I'm goin' t' sea agen, shipmet. Bill was dead right. The 'Liza Boggs weren't a real ship, an' never could be. Frinstance, if it's a real ship, an' you ask a cook, sort of forceful like, to come aboard, you just put to sea, let him out an' set him cookin.' But aboard a ship as ain't real—well, ye see where they landed me, shipmet. Yes, sir; Bill Marlock was right; right as a compass. Ships ashore has limitations as can't be overcome."

That is why, in a certain apartment house, there is a queer lot of junk stowed away in the cellar. And also why, in a room on the third floor (occupant, myself) there is a big ship's lantern, a round ship's clock of exceedingly nautical habit, and a wooden strip with this name in painted letters: The Eliza Boggs of Bath.

An Automobile Elopement

By Victor A. Hermann

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IT is the silent hour when churchyards yawn and spectres white hold carnival. Not a sound disturbs the peaceful night save the roadside cricket and the melancholy owl. But suddenly the deep stillness is broken. From somewhere in the black distance there comes a strange rumbling noise. Then red lamps gleam through the bushes like the orbs of an imp. A flash, a cloud of steam and a cumbersome object sweeps around the sandy bend like a locomotive. Within, a closely-veiled maiden peers anxiously through the gloom, while a beardless man presses a lever and clasps the bulb of a big red horn. Green lights flash in the valley.

Chug! Chug! Chug!

"What is it, Edwin? Not a breakdown, I hope."

"No; only getting up fresh speed. Confound that dog!"

"I guess he's barking at the moon."

"No; he is barking at us. Here he comes."

Toot! Toot!

"Oh, Edwin, someone is raising a window in that farmhouse. Gracious, he-he has a gun!"

"Don't worry. Watch me jolly him along. Heigho, there, Brother Rye-top, how's corn?"

"Who be yoeu?"

"Why, I'm Colonel Cannon of the horse marines. Call off your dog, old man. Ta, ta!"

"How could you make fun of that poor old man, Edwin?"

"Why, if I hadn't kept up the conversation he would have fired off that fowling-piece."

Toot! Toot! Toot!

"What was that?"

"Nothing but a rabbit, Hilda."

"It looked like a cow to me. Do you see anything of father?"

"No; he hasn't turned the bend yet."

"Edwin, are you quite sure that everything will turn out happy? I feel just the least bit nervous."

"Most assuredly. Listen. Ten miles further is a river. There is no bridge, but I have a man waiting there with a scow big enough to take aboard the automobile. Once on the other side we spin five more miles and then abandon the machine for a train. We'll reach New York about sunrise and then catch an express for Montreal. Up there among the snug hills of old Canada we'll——"

"Heavens! What has happened?"

"The gasolene has given out. We are lost!"

"Y-you are not going to let him take me home?"

"Never! I defy the world!"

"See, he is coming closer. Oh, fate is cruel, c-cruel!"

"We can only wait for the worst. But your father shall never tear you from my arms while I yet live."

She snuggles closer to him in the motionless machine. Down the road there roars a great touring-car. With blinding lights and hissing steam it draws up on the side of a ditch. There are two occupants, all bundled up in a crimson lap-robe.

"Heigho, my gay elopers!" calls a deep voice.

"You haven't come to take m-me home, have you, father?" tearfully called a voice from the smaller machine.

"Why, of course not. Your mamma and myself have come down to bid you a merry farewell, and, incidentally, to bring you a can of gasolene. Here it is down here in the road. We knew you would run out, and what a chase you gave us. I guess it will be sunrise when we get back, eh, Mamma?"

"Don't doubt it," replied the elderly lady in the touring-car.

"Well, good luck, children! Happy honeymoon and don't forget to write us every day."

Something came flying through the darkness. It was an old shoe. The clumsy touring-car makes a semi-circle in the narrow road and soon the green lights vanish in the distance. The can of gasolene rests placidly in the damp sand. There is a long silence, and then——

"Oh, Edwin!"

"Oh, Hilda!"

Toot! Toot! Toot! Toot!

SLOVENLY PETER

Old Peter Brown goes 'round the town
In dreadful disrepair.
One stocking down like any clown—
He seldom combs his hair.
Young ladies fair can only stare,
Then look the other way.
For he is quite a fearful sight
Upon a Summer's day.

MORAL

Old Gentlemen should always then
Try to be spick and span
And keep their clo'se like younger beaus.
As dapper as they can.

But what cares he though children flee
And shout "Old Musticuss!"
You'd think he'd wend his ways to mend,
But he is always thus.
So all must frown on Peter Brown
While yet he shuns the right.
It is too bad he's such a sad,
Objectionable sight.

WANTED

(From the Zoological Park Times.)

WANTED—A Mother's Helper who is able to darn stockings and sew on shoe buttons with rapidity. Only two little ones in the family. Address Mrs. Centi Pede, 100 Insect Row.

WANTED—At once, an amateur photographer to take snapshots (and flashlight pictures) of my graceful, active infant before he outgrows his babyhood. I must have some full-face pictures to show his sweet smile. Address A. Rhinoceros, Lakeside Hotel.

WANTED—An expert to come to house and repair a trunk which was injured in a railway accident. Call on Mr. L. E. Phant, Elm Cottage.

WANTED—Private dancing lessons for my children who are so shy that people call them clumsy and backward. Teacher must never wear any sort of red attire. Address Mrs. Crabbe, Seamoss Avenue.

WANTED—Lessons in elocution for my children who are proverbially reticent. Highest prices paid to successful teacher. Call on Mrs. Oyster, Saltwater Beach.

An Old Maid's Romance

By Will S. Adkins

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SHE was only twenty-seven, but she lived in an old-fashioned town, where an unmarried woman of twenty-seven was considered a confirmed old maid. "Aunt Polly," the town folk called her, and she accepted the title without question, for she knew nothing of women's rights, or bachelor girls; nor did she know that in the great world nowadays a lady is scarcely accounted an old maid until she has seen full forty years.

She had been dubbed "Aunt Polly" at twenty-four, and so she had become accustomed to the official badge of spinsterhood when he came. He had been born in the old village; but his was a wealthy family, and he had been in early childhood taken abroad. He had studied in Rome, and Paris, and Berlin, and seen much of life in the gay capitals of Europe. But now his family had come back, as he told "Aunt Polly," to get acquainted with its own country.

He did not consider her old, and told her so—with charming frankness, she thought. He had sisters older than she, who were not old maids, he assured her. He had not lost his boyishness, by any means, and she often smiled to see him romping with tiny tots, and shouting as loudly as any of them. Perhaps it was this very boyishness that appealed so strongly to one who had begun to regard herself as an old maid. At any rate, they were much together: and the villagers smiled to see them so inseparable, and slyly commented, "Aunt Polly's got a beau at last."

But Aunt Polly did not care. She was not so foolish as to permit this trifling gossip to affect such a friendship as theirs. He constantly sought her advice, and accepted her judgment with a deference that it had never received before. He admired her, and did not hesitate to tell her so, in that grave, steadfast way he had, that so well became him in her eyes. But Aunt Polly entertained no undue expectations, and if she had her dreams, why, who has not? After all, she was only twenty-seven.

He had always been a dutiful son, but his father was something of a trial. Even now, his father, with the unreasoning insistency of age, wished him to take another course in some educational institution. He often laughed, and told Aunt Polly that his poor father was education mad. He felt that his education, while not exhaustive, was sufficient, and he was very anxious to shoulder his share of the world's work. But his father was old, and he felt that he owed him much. He asked Aunt Polly's counsel, and she advised him to do as his father wished.

Perhaps she felt that it was for the best. She was too old for him, she knew—far, far too old. Still, she was only twenty-seven. However, she urged him to take up the course of study that his father desired him to pursue, and he promised her that he would. And so the day arrived when he came to tell her good-bye. He was to be away five years, he said, and then he asked her to be his wife when he came back. It was her first proposal but she had feared that it was coming, and so she was prepared. Very gently she asked him to wait, and they would see if he still wished it to be so when he came home.

When he was gone, she stood for a long time at the garden gate. "Poor, dear boy," she murmured, "poor, dear boy." She knew that she was too old for him—far, far too old. Still, she was only twenty-seven. But he was only twelve, and now he was going away to boarding-school.

FATE

He loved the beautiful girl.
Nor was she on her part insensible.
But they were strangers.
"I may not throw myself at her feet," groaned he, to himself.
"I may not throw myself at his head," sighed she, in her heart.
But the decree of fate was writ. A moment later the car turned a corner and, with the same lurch, threw him at her feet and her at his head.
"Lovely weather we're having," said he, retaining his presence of mind most admirably.
"Lovely," said she.
And they were marr'ed, and lived happily forever afterward.

CRUEL.

The Hungry Rooster.—What a beautiful bug you are. What a sensation I should create if I had six legs!

The Heartless Bug.—Where? In a boarding-house?

INFANT MORTALITY AND THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Findings of Children's Bureau of Labor Department.

Second Annual Report Just Issued Largely a Discussion of First Year's Work—Facts as to Child Labor—Dependent Children

Washington, D. C. Dec, 25—The second annual report of the children's bureau of the Department of Labor has just been issued, describing its activities from June 30, 1913, to June 30, 1914. This report of work done with the same small staff and appropriation with which the Bureau was inaugurated in 1912 is largely a discussion of the continuation of the first year's work, although certain new lines of work are indicated which will be taken up as soon as the new staff is secured.

The first two years' work represents practically a unit in the existence of the children's bureau. Emphasis from the first has been placed on infant welfare, centering around a field investigation into the social significance of infant mortality in Johnstown, Pa., It is expressly stated that the report of this field inquiry is only the first of a series of such studies which will be conducted in various typical parts of the country.

Regarding this first study, Miss Lathrop says:

"The reading of the first field study will show a coincidence of underpaid fathers, overworked and ignorant mothers, and those hazards to the life of offspring which individual parents can not avoid or control. This points toward the imporative need of ascertaining a standard of life for the American family. The study of infant mortality involves finding how far the essentials of such a standard may be secured by communities, how far they rest upon better conditions of work and pay, and how far they depend upon the individual rectitude of fathers and mothers. Toward the ascertainment of this standard it is hoped that the Bureau's continued studies into infant mortality may contribute."

The field work on the infant mortality inquiry has been supplemented by publications dealing with the care of children by parents and by communities.

One of these, a report of the work of the New Zealand Society for the Health of Women and Children, describes how volunteer bodies of citizens, by combining forces and cooperating, have brought necessary help to mothers and children and have aided in reducing the infant mortality of New Zealand to the lowest rate in the world. In the city of Dumedine, for instance, the rate in 1912 was 38 per 1000 births. When compared with the rate in such comparatively favorable localities in our own country as Philadelphia (135.5 per 1,000 in 1913) or Boston (109.6 in 1913), it is evident that much serious work remains to be done in the United States.

A second publication in the series on the home care of children, addressed to the individual mother, has been prepared. This is entitled Infant Care, and covers the care of the child through the second year, dealing with such questions as feeding, clothing, bathing, sleep, etc., It is written in simple, untechnical language, for the average American mother.

Birth Registration, as a preliminary to studies of infant mortality and as a necessary safeguard for the child going to school or to work, is part of the Bureau's program, and is the subject of a new pamphlet for use in popular campaigns for better registration.

A test which has been conducted by the Bureau in cooperation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and other organizations in 17 states emphasizes the fact that even in the States where vital statistics are considered most reliable a large number of births are still unregistered and children still grow up deprived of the benefits of a legal record. An average of the results obtained from the test shows that a fifth of the babies studied were unregistered.

Child Labor

Child Labor has been considered largely from the administrative side. A study is now going forward of the methods of issuing employment certificates to children in various States. This is important, since the work certificate may be used to enforce minimum-age provisions and also as a protection against unsuitable work. Reports on Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maryland are completed and studies in other States are under way.

Another study is under way which has reference to the shifting jobs of children between 14 and 16 years of age. The changing of young people from one employer to another and from one job to another undoubtedly has an important bearing upon their later success in industry and in life.

Material has been gathered from the State of Connecticut, the city of Milwaukee, and certain cities of Ohio, which will be brought together and published.

A summary of the child-labor laws of the country is now in press.

Dependent Children

Regarding dependent children, some of the problems which have been much in the public mind have been taken up by the Children's Bureau. Mothers' Pension Laws in 21 States have been brought together in a publication of the Bureau, some text matter and a brief bibliography added, and the laws of New Zealand and Denmark included for purposes of comparison. As to those foreign laws, Miss Lathrop says:

"It is note worthy that the laws of New Zealand and Denmark are so framed as to encourage thrift on the part of the mother and imply a certain standard of family living by making the pension on a sliding scale, supplementing, up to a certain per capital, whatever small property the family has. This plan is in contrast to certain of our laws, which make destitution a condition for eligibility, although the amount given is in case adequate for support."

In closing Miss Lathrop says:

"This report ends the first two years of the Bureau's existence, in which its work has been done with a small staff and little money. The practical wisdom of those who created a special bureau addressed to the great task of ascertaining true democratic standards for the nurture and protection of the Nation's children is already justified by the public response to the Bureau's small performance. It is now for the Bureau to develop through its appointed method of investigation and report a service which in the course of time shall be worthy of its opportunity".

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement tf.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, Phone 110. American National Bank.—Advertisement tf

NEW INSURANCE RATES

Commissioner Young Issues Statement to Clear Up Misunderstandings

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Commissioner of Insurance J. R. Young has just issued a statement in an effort to clear up some misunderstandings that he says are prevalent in the State regarding the new insurance rates. His statement follows:

"The old rule, followed for many years by fire insurance companies, was to write certain risks, dwellings, etc., for three years for twice the annual rate, e. g., if the annual rate on $1,000 was 1 per cent or $10.00 then the risk could be written for three years for 2 per cent or $20.00. For some time many underwriters have insisted that the results did not justify the three-year rate was too little; or, if the annual rate was correct then the three-year rate was too litle; or, if the property could be written for three years at double the annual rate, giving a discount of one year's premium for the payment in advance of the premium, then the annual rate was too high. It was said that this reduction for three years, with its payment in advance, was a discrimination in favor of those who were able to pay in advance and against those who could not do so. This discussion finally won, bringing about a change or the new rule.

"By this rule, promulgated in November last, and made effective all over the country, it was provided that the class of risks referred to could be written for three years at two and one-half times the annual rate; e. g., a risk rated at 1 per cent and paying $10,00 annual premium would be charged two and one-half times annual premium rate for three years, or $25.00. The rule promulgatel provided that for each additional year there should be a charge of 75 per cent of the annual premium rate, making term rates applicable to any number of years, instead of three or five years only.

"At the time the new rule was promulgated a reduction of 20 per cent on metal roof buildings was made; e. g., the annual rate being 1 per cent or $10.00 under old rule was then re- of $8.00 or one-half less than before; duced to $8.00, and the assured could but in taking it for a term of three get his policy for an annual premium years, the premium was two and one-half times the annual premium rate or $20.00 the same premium paid before.

"As soon as the new rule as stated above was issued Commissioner Young took the matter up with representatives of the companies, and asked for and insisted on a reduction in North Carolina for shingle roof buildings of this class. The companies objected, saying that the rules as promulgated had been put in force throughout the country. In reply it was insisted that the results in North Carolina did not call for or warrant an increase on shingle roof dwellings in the cities and towns or even in the country. After considerable correspondence and discussion a discount was allowed in North Carolina on shingle roof buildings of this class, just as had been made of metal roofs, though not quite so much, as the companies claimed that they wished to emphasize the advantages of metal, or fire-proof roofs.

"The rule promulgated for North Carolina provides that there shall be a discount on the final rating of 15 per cent for shingle roofs in cities and towns and 10 per cent in the country. Under this rule a risk formerly written for an annual premium of $10.00 would be written if in a city or town, for $8.50 or, if in the country, for $9.00, or $1.50 and $1.00 less respectively. If the parties desired a three year policy then it would be written for two and one-half times the annual premium or $21.25 and $22.50 respectively. In other words, the risk formerly written for $10.00 for one year and $20.00 for three years would be written in North Carolina for $8.50 for one year and $21.25 for three years if in town, and for $9.00 for one year and $22.50 for three years if in the country; while in other States the rate would remain $10.00 for one year and $25.00 for three years the latter in accord with the new rule for term risks.

"Of course, there is a difference between rates in different classes of cities and towns, as well as in the country, and also between metal and shingle roof buildings, but the illustrations have been made with the 1 per cent rate $10.00 premium because it is more readily understood. The principle applies to each different class of risks and can be easily worked out by each one for himself on his risk.

"It will be well to bear in mind that the rule referred to only affects those risks upon which insurance can be placed for a term of years, such as dwellings and apartment houses, churches and hospitals, schools and colleges, municipal property, etc., The rule has always been that when it was desirable to insure mercantile and such like buildings for three years the rate should be two and one-half times the annual rate."

GREENSBORO BREAKS RECORD.

Community Christmas Tree Most Successful Ever "Pulled Off" There.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 25.—The Community Christmas tree on the court house square last night was by far the most successful event of the kind ever held in the city. The Sunday schools met in the several churches at 5:30 o'clock and marched to the tree, while high school students and others gathered at the Y. M. C. A. building. A splendid musical programme was rendered beginning at 6 o'clock. Prof. Wade R. Brown, of the faculty of the State Normal College, had charge of the musical programme.

Hundreds of baskets and thousands of articles were distributed among poor and deserving families and children. The crowd that gathered about the tree was immense and filled the square and streets to overflowing. In the center of the throng was a brilliantly decorated and electrically-lighted tree, and the gifts were piled about this in profusion. As these were distributed others were brought from the court house. Each basket contained a big dinner—in fact, enough for several meals. The children were given packages of well chosen fruits and dainties.

FLOOD WARNINGS SENT TO RIVER STATIONS

Fear That Eastern Rivers May Overflow Banks.

Raleigh Has Rawest Christmas Day in Memory of the Oldest Inhabitant. Torrents of Rain—Shooting Affair Reported.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—The local weather bureau today sent out flood warnings to many river stations throughout the State. There is fear that the eastern rivers may overflow their banks, owing to the unusual precipitation.

The rawest Christmas day in the memory of the oldest inhabitant kept Raleigh citizens hugging fires today. Rain fell torrentially the greater part of the day, and tonight a cold wind swept over the city, accompanied by sleet. A community Christmas tree entertainment, planned for tonight, had to be abandoned.

Alleging that Paul Jacobs offered an insult to his wife, Elmore Gill this afternoon resented it with a slap and was rewarded a few minutes later with a load of No. 4 shot in his face and head. Tom Salmon, an innocent bystander, received two of the shots in his head. Neither man was seriously injured, though eight of the pellets lodged in Gill's head. Jacobs was arrested by the police in a southern outhouse, and it is supposed he was preparing to skip.

PROPOSES CORPORATION FOR PRODUCING ANILINE DYES

Lord Moulton Arraigns English Capitalists for Inaction

Manchester, England, December 26.—A large corporation run cooperatively by the various British users of aniline dyes and supported in part by the government was proposed by Lord Moulton at a meeting just held here by the textile manufacturers of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

The idea was cheered, as was his arraignment of British capitalists. Pointing out that England had been almost entirely dependent on Germany for some $10,000,000 worth of aniline dyes every year, he said:

"It is not because the production of coaltar products was discovered by foreigners, or because we lacked the raw material necessary for the manufacture of dyes, that we have failed to manufacture our own supplies. The chief reason has been that the English dislike study.

"The holders of capital in England have had little sympathy with knowledge they themselves did not posses. The consequence has been that great inventions have fallen dead in England. They have been offered in Germany, studied there by instructed minds and accepted, and the consequence has been great industrial production, the fruit of which the rest of the world has received. But in England, difficulties are found and the thing is dropped.

"Because the masters, the capitalists, have not got sympathy for this self preparation for the difficult task, there is no career for the young men who are willing to study. They are pand salaries insufficient for the training they have gone through."

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS NOTES.

School Facilities Enlarged—Selling Jerusalem Oak Seed and Tobacco.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 25.—An annex to the graded school building here, costing something near $10,000, is now about complete. The seating capacity of the old building was about 500. The annex increases the seating capacity of the entire building to about 800, and furnishes room the lack of which has caused the pupils to be badly crowded and the teachers to have to work at a disadvantage.

The tobacco market here closed the early part of the week for the holidays, with a record of having sold between 300,000 and 400,000 pounds, at prices comparing quite favorably with those paid on other markets throughout the eastern part of the State.

The sale of Jerusalem oak seed here continues. Around 60,000 pounds have already been sold, which means the releasing of about $1,800 among the farmers of this section for what has heretofore been considered absolutely worthless.

According to statistics furnished by the cotton weigher here, only about 4,000 bales of this year's cotton has yet been sold here. This is about oe-hanif the amount that is usually sold by this time of the year, and is said to be about one-third of the entire crop, the farmers holding the remainder, in hopes that the price will rise.

MT. OLIVE MERCHANT STABBED.

Result of Dispute With Farmer as to Purchase of Cotton.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 24. — Jas. M. McGee, senior member of the Mount Olive Grocery and Hardware Co., one of the leading mercantile establishments here, was stabbed in the abdomen here today about 10 oclock, and Walter Smith, a white farmer, living near here, is charged with the offense. The wound was inflicted with a pocket knife.

The cause of the encounter between Messrs. McGee and Smith is said to have been a disagreement over the price of some cotton paid to Smith by McGee, Smith alleging that McGee had discriminated against him, paying others more for cotton than he (McGee) had paid Smith.

A physician was hastily summoned, who, upon examination of the wound, advised his immediate removal to the Goldsboro hospital for a more minute examination of the wound. A telephone message from the hospital stated that he was resting as well as could be expected, and the nature of the wound was not so serious as was first feared.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 25.—Benjamin Robinson, of High Point, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court here yesterday. His liabilities were placed at $18,578, with assets amounting to $12,540. The matter was referred to G. S. Ferguson, Jr., referee, and R. H. Wheeler was appointed receiver.

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goocs, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement tf.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 26, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day .46; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.73 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday 9.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Snow, followed by clearing Saturday; Sunday, fair and continued colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 26, 1914.

Sun Rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:10 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	6:12	5:33	12:33	12:00
Southport	3:16	3:37	9:48	9:45
Masonboro Inl	3:05	3:26	9:28	9:25

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 25, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene		32		
Asheville	snow	42	38	2.06
Atlanta	rain	50	42	.88
Augusta	cldy	70	48	.88
Augusta	cldy	70	48	.40
Birmingh.	rain	48	44	1.70
Charleston	rain	68	52	.44
Charlotte	rain	40	40	2.42
Galveston	cldy	50	46	.04
Jacksonv.	rain	76	60	.32
Memphis	clear	32	32	.74
Montgom'y	cldy	62	62	1.28
New Orl.	cldy	62	62	.32
New York	cldy	24	24	.01
Palestine	cldy	42	40	.01
Pittsburg	pt cldy	22	20	.0
Raleigh	rain	40	36	2.16
Savannah	rain	76	56	.26
St. Louis	clear	18	10	.0
Washing'n	cldy	32	28	.0

Business Locals

NEW SERIES BUILDING AND LOAN stock. Opens 1st Saturday in January. Stock issue limited. Subscribe now. Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association, headquarters, Bunting's Drug Store. de22-14t

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TABLE BUTTER, 3 POUNDS, $1; COUNtry eggs, 3 dozen, $1; Star hams, 20c; Irish potatoes, 25c. peck; Autocrat coffee, 25c can; walnuts, 20c lb.; black walnuts, 25c peck; largest size grape fruit, 4 for 25c.; apples, 30c peck; pound package currants, 11c. seeded prunes, 12½c.; New's extra quality vinegar, 10c. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de26-1t

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